

# WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

## Be Fire Prevention Smart - Don't Get Burned!

*National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15)*

**E**lectricity usually makes life easier by powering kitchen appliances, gadgets, and electronics we use for entertainment. However, that same electricity contains the potential to destroy homes and take lives. Electric fires are more destructive than any other type of fire, and they are twice as deadly. Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative has the following information to help you keep your electric system safe.

- Consider getting an electric inspection of your home, especially if it is an older home, or you have never had an inspection.
- If an electrical fire starts in your home, do not use water to extinguish it. Water conducts electricity, and you could get an electric shock. Use an extinguisher that is approved for use on electric fires.
- Flickering lights, warm, cracked, or sparking outlets all indicate electric problems.
- If circuits trip, fuses blow, someone gets a shock, your home has an electric problem. Get an electric inspection.
- Do not overload outlets, use an extension cord as a permanent wiring solution, or use light bulbs that are not rated for the socket.
- Contact an electrician about installing an arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI). An AFCI monitors the flow

of electricity in your home. If the flow of electricity is irregular and could cause a fire, the AFCI shuts off electricity. An AFCI costs around \$35, plus the cost of professional installation. The cost also depends on the size of your home and how many circuit breakers you have.

- Inspect electric plugs and cords annually. If they are frayed or cracked, repair or replace them. Do not place cords under rugs, or staple or nail them to the wall.

We want all our members and communities to be safe and would encourage our members to also check their smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly. Replacing the batteries, even before they indicate they have run low, is an easy way to keep your family safe. Want to know more or need guidance on fire prevention – visit [www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week](http://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week).



# SREC 2022 Incentives

**ElectricSense®**

2022 incentive forms are available at the SREC offices and online at [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop). Terms and conditions are listed on incentive forms; please read thoroughly before submitting. Incentives issued while funds are available. Questions regarding Scenic River's rebate program can be directed to Ron Jentz at 800-236-2141 ext 563.

**Forms due within 3 months  
of purchase date**

## Ag/Commercial/Industrial

Commercial vending machine controls	\$25
Circulation fan	\$1/inch
<36" diameter must be ≥18 lbs force/kW	
36"+ diameter must be ≥21 lbs force/kW	
Exhaust fan	\$1/inch
<36" diameter must be ≥18 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP	
36"+ diameter must be ≥21 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP	
Electric forklift battery charger (controlled)	\$200/each
Dairy plate cooler/well water pre-cooler	\$500/each
Dairy refrigeration heat recovery	\$300/each
electric back-up w/ controlled water heater	
Low/zero energy livestock waterer (≤500 watts, insulated tank)	\$50/each
Scroll refrigerant compressor (\$1,000 max.)	\$30/HP
Variable frequency drive (VFD) (\$1,000 max.)	\$30/HP
Custom rebates are available for agricultural and commercial accounts	

## Appliances

Clothes dryer (electric)*	\$25/each
Clothes dryer (heat pump)	\$50/each
Clothes washer*	\$25/each
Dehumidifier*	\$25/each
Dishwasher*	\$25/each
Freezer (≥10 cubic ft.)*	\$25/each
Inductive Range	\$25/each
Refrigerator (≥10 cubic ft.)*	\$25/each
Recycling a working freezer, refrigerator or room air conditioner	\$25/unit

\*Must be an ENERGY STAR appliance

## Assessments / Audits

Audit recommended improvements (\$500 max.)	varies
Compressed air audit (\$500 max.)	varies



## Miscellaneous

Electric vehicle (EV) charging station (controlled/capped at cost)	\$400/each
EV smart charger w/ integrated metering (controlled/capped at cost)	\$800/each

## Heating & Cooling (HVAC)

New furnace with ECM blower motor	\$35/each
Variable speed motor (not multi-speed)** OR Eae ≤ 670 kWh/year**	
**Information shown on AHRI certificate	
Heat Pumps	
Air source & mini-split	\$300/ton
SEER 14+, HSPF 8.2+, or EER 11+	
Commercial air source & PTHPs	\$300/ton
<20 tons: EER 11+	
20 to <60 tons: EER 10.5+	
≥60 tons: EER 10+	
Geothermal	\$500/ton

## Lighting

LED lamp (residential; 5 lamp min.)	\$0.50/lamp
LED lamp (non-residential; 5 lamp min.)	\$0.50/lamp
LED fixture (non-residential)	\$0.50 per 800 lumens
LED exit sign	\$5/sign
Occupancy sensor (does not incl. motion detector fixtures)	\$5/each

## Water Heating

Heat pump water heater	\$600/each
Integrated (all-in-one) units; Uniform Energy Factor (UEF) 2.00+	
Solar storage water heater w/ electric auxiliary tank (75-99 gal.)	\$300/each
Solar storage water heater w/ electric auxiliary tank (100+ gal.)	\$600/each
Residential high-efficiency water heater	
75-99 gallons, UEF 0.88+	\$300/each
100+ gallons, UEF 0.88+	\$600/each
Commercial high-efficiency water heater	
75-99 gallons	\$300/each
100+ gallons	\$600/each

## In Memory - Norman Gordon

**N**orman Gordon, 1937-2022, lived his entire life within a 2 mile stretch in rural Darlington and was a 60+ year member of the cooperative. Norman served Lafayette Rural Electric Co-op, Grant-Lafayette Electric, and finally Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative as a board member for 23 years and was involved in all the subsequent mergers. He was known as a caring and level-headed director.

Norman was a farmer and a family man. He and his wife of 64 years, Lois, raised 4 children and had both 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed traveling, square dancing and attending the many sporting, musical and various other school events for his family.

Norman was also an active member of the Darlington community, serving on the boards of the Farm Service Agency, the Farm Bureau Federation and our co-op boards. He was a member of the Darlington United Methodist Church where he volunteered his time as well. ■



## Its National Cooperative Month

and you're in good company

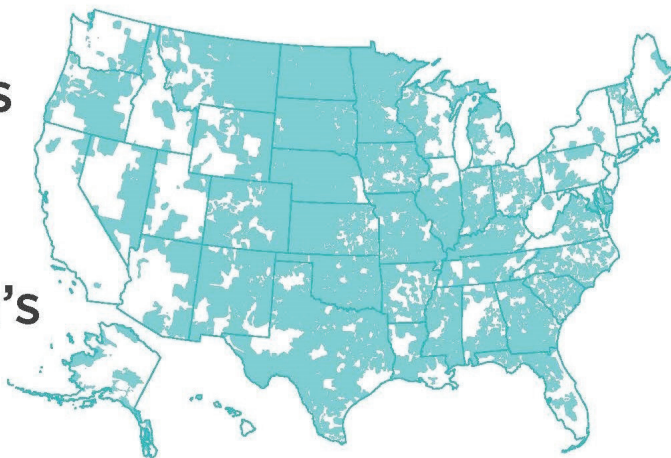
**O**ctober is National Cooperative Month, and SREC— and co-ops across the U.S. — are celebrating the benefits and values that cooperatives bring to their members and communities.

During Co-op Month, we will be celebrating our members with daily bill credit drawings and sending

all members a complimentary 2023 calendar. Details on the daily drawings can be found in our October Wisconsin Energy News magazine. Winners will be notified daily, and listed online. Credits will appear on November bill statements.

To learn more, visit us at [sre.coop](https://sre.coop) or follow us on Facebook. ■

Cooperatives  
power  
**56%**  
of the nation's  
landmass.



Our co-ops serve  
**42 million** people,  
including **92% of persistent**  
**poverty counties.**

Power over  
**21 million**  
businesses, homes,  
schools and farms  
in **48 states.**

Returned more than  
**\$1.5 billion**  
in capital credits **to their**  
**consumer-members** in 2020.



## GRANT COUNTY RESIDENTS: Grant County Holiday Project “No Kid Without Toys for Christmas” Mission 2022 - toys only giveaway

This year, with times being tough, the Grant County Holiday Project is doing an extra undertaking to assure all Grant County children under the age of 12 receive toys for Christmas. The Dubuque Iowa Toys for Tots project has supplied a truckload of toys. Therefore, even if you are not income eligible or do not wish to apply for the regular Holiday project, (where the whole family receive gifts), you can complete a one-page informational sheet requesting toys for your young children. *The income will be somewhat higher than regular project.* **You can only receive from one project.** If you have a hardship, which causes you to believe you will not be able to afford toys for your kids, complete that section on the form too.

### To receive the one-page application:

- call 608-723-2136 ext. 1194. Speak loudly, talk slowly, leave name and address where you want **Toys Only** application sent.
- Complete form and send to address listed.
- Only children under 12 will receive toys.
- Applicants must live in Grant County and have custody of children.

We cannot assure you will get toys listed, but we will find age-appropriate substitutes. You will need to pick up your toys at time and address listed on pick up slip. We cannot deliver.



## Dress up with care for HALLOWEEN



### When dressing your little ones (or yourself), keep these safety tips in mind:

- Always wear costumes that are labeled flame resistant.
- Wear bright, reflective costumes or add strips of reflective tape to improve visibility.
- Do not wear decorative (colored) contact lenses unless you have seen an eyecare professional.
- Wear makeup and hats rather than costume masks that can obscure or obstruct your vision.
- Test the makeup you plan to use in advance for a possible allergy.

In addition, inspect any plug-in decorations for signs of wear and tear (fraying or bare wires or broken plugs) and replace them if damaged.

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Electricity.org®

## Vegetation Management



Zielie's Tree Service plans to complete the tree trimming on the Prairie du Chien Substation in Crawford County during October. They will then start work on the Glen Haven Substation in Grant County.

Badgerland Utility Solutions and Scenic River's crew will complete the spraying in October.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will be inspecting poles in Prairie du Chien, Bridgeport and Wauzeka Townships in Crawford County. They will be inspecting underground transformers and cabinets in Beetown, Hurricane and Glen Haven Substations in Grant County.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. During this time, we especially appreciate your cooperation as we maintain social distancing between our essential staff and our members. **If you have questions, please contact Jay at [jgardner@srec.net](mailto:jgardner@srec.net) or call 800-236-2141 ext. 566.**



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Any questions or comments can be directed to Watt's Happening, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, 206 County Road K, Lancaster, WI 53813 or telephone (608) 723-2121 or toll free 800-236-2141.

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