

# energy update



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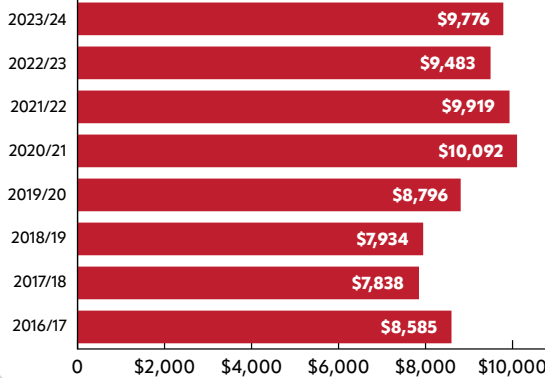
## Give the gift of RECare this year!

Every year, there are Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative members who are unable to afford to heat their homes during the long, cold winter. Those members are able to keep the heat on thanks to RECare, a program that allows ACEC members to help their fellow members.

Donations to the RECare program have a huge impact. Last year, ACEC members contributed \$9,776 to the RECare program. Those contributions assisted 45 families with their REC bill. All RECare recipients must be referred to the Cooperative by Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation.

*If you'd like to contribute to the RECare program, the enclosed card can be marked and returned showing your payment preference. If you previously authorized a monthly pledge, there is nothing further you need to do. Thank you for your support.*

### RECare Contribution History



# Happy Holidays

May your season be safe, merry and bright!

Our office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, in honor of Christmas and Wednesday, January 1, for New Years.

*We wish all our members a safe and happy holiday season.*



## 2024 REBATE REMINDER

2024 Rebates must be submitted by **Friday, December 27.**

For more information and to find the rebate forms, visit [www.acrec.com/rebates](http://www.acrec.com/rebates).



### CONSUMER AUTHORIZATION FORM

**YES!** I would like to be a part of "Members Helping Members" and contribute to RECare.

Monthly Pledge  \$1.00  \$2.00  \$5.00  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(I understand that this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.)*

One-time contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Checks should be made out to RECare, c/o Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 715  
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*Thank you for your contribution!*



**You care, we care, RECare!**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.

## Attention High School Students

ACEC as **TWO** opportunities for area high school students.

### Youth Tour 2025



Current high school sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply for the Iowa Youth Tour. Each year, ACEC sponsors two students whose parents or legal guardians are ACEC members to go on a one week, all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. in June.

Applications are available online at [www.acec.com](http://www.acec.com) and at our office in Postville. **All completed applications are due Friday, Jan. 31, 2025.** All applicants will be contacted in February with next steps.

Learn more about the Youth Tour at [www.iowarec.org/youth-tour](http://www.iowarec.org/youth-tour) or call our office at 888-788-1551.

# 10 Holiday TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



Millions take to the highways over the holidays, making it one of the busiest travel times of the year.

If you're traveling by car this season, **follow these safety tips:**

#### 1. Prepare Your Home

Cancel mail, pause deliveries and have someone check on your home. In snowy areas, arrange for snow removal.

#### 2. Reduce Fire Risks

Unplug nonessential electrical devices and check smoke detectors.

#### 3. Don't Overshare

Avoid posting travel plans on social media to prevent potential break-ins.

#### 4. Inspect Your Car

Ensure tires are inflated and carry jumper cables, as cold weather can drain batteries.

#### 5. Pack an Emergency Kit

Include a car phone charger, blankets, food and water, coats and a flashlight with batteries.

#### 6. Check the Weather

Check the weather before and during your trip to avoid storms.

#### 7. Buckle Up & Slow Down

Increase your following distance to safely navigate slick roads and allow extra time to get to your destination.

#### 8. Take Frequent Breaks

Winter driving challenges can be tiring. Stop every few hours to stay alert and stay hydrated to avoid fatigue.

#### 9. Share Your Itinerary

Let family or friends know your travel plans, whether you're on your way out or heading back home.

#### 10. Put That Phone Away

Avoid distractions—winter driving requires your full attention.

Learn more at:

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Electricity.org®



## Hauschild Scholarship

Applications for a 2025 Hauschild Memorial Scholarship are available at [www.acec.com](http://www.acec.com) and at our office in Postville.

**Completed application materials are due by Friday, February 28.**

