

energy update



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YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!



Washington D.C. trip for HS sophomores, juniors

Applications for the 2026 Youth Tour Washington, D.C. trip are now available! This once-in-a-lifetime experience is available to two high school sophomore or junior students in our service territory. This year's trip is scheduled for June 14-20, 2026.

Since 1958, students from across the nation have had the opportunity to spend a week in D.C. in the summer to learn more about electric cooperatives, government and our nation's history. Annually, ACEC sponsors two students with the Iowa Electric Cooperative Association's delegation.

This program is available only to high school sophomores and juniors whose parents or legal guardians receive electricity through ACEC. Applications are available online at www.acrec.com or at our office in Postville. **All completed applications are due January 31, 2026.** All applicants will be contacted in February with next steps.

To learn more, visit acrec.com/youth-tour or call Jennifer Achenbach at 888-788-1551.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Look out for the "energy-saving device" scam. Whether sold on social media platforms or through random emails, consumers have fallen victim to scams where these products claim to reduce or even eliminate energy bills. These products are advertised as devices that will "balance" or "clean" the power in your home, thus saving you money. There is no such device that can simply be plugged in to lower energy use.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

To maximize your fireplace's efficiency, always keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. An open damper is like an open window, allowing warm indoor air to escape and cold air to enter. Consider installing a fireplace insert, which improves heat output by circulating warm air into the room rather than letting it escape up the chimney. Also, burn only seasoned hardwood to ensure a hotter, cleaner burn. Regularly clean and inspect your chimney to maintain safe and efficient operation.

Source: energy.gov

2025 REBATE REMINDER



2025 Rebates must be submitted by **Monday, Dec 22.**

For more information and to download the rebate forms, visit www.acrec.com/rebates.

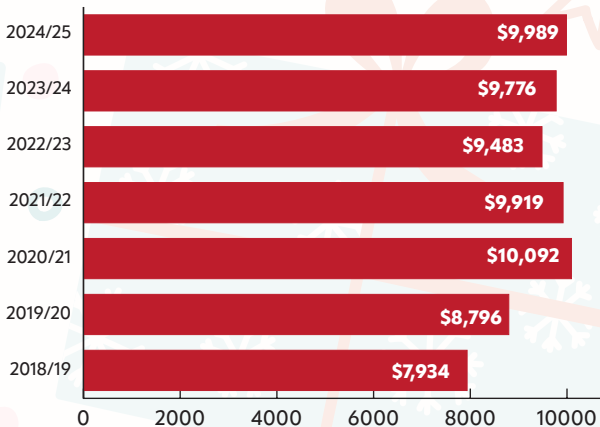


Our office will be closed on **Thursday, December 25**, in honor of Christmas and **Thursday, January 1**, for New Years Day.

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

GIVE THE GIFT THAT LASTS ALL SEASON

RECare Contribution History



Show you care with ACEC RECare

Every year, there are Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative members who struggle to afford their electric bills in the winter, especially when we have long, cold winters. Thanks to donations to the RECare program, those members are able to keep the heat on.

Donations to the RECare program are used to assist local families pay their bills. Every dollar contributed to this fund is used to help low-income members who are referred to the Cooperative by Northeast Iowa Community Action, Shepard of the Hills or a similar social services office.

Last year, ACEC members donated \$9,989, helping 40 families make it through the winter. Donations can be made as a one-time contribution or as a monthly pledge that is automatically added to your electric bill.

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!



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
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**Thank you for your
contribution!**



You care, we care, RECare!