



TIPS From T.I.P.

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Linemen Review Pole Top Rescue



Nyle Kleine, Journeyman Lineman, is shown practicing his pole top rescue.

Annually, the linemen review the procedures to rescue a fellow lineman who may have had electrical contact or who are in distress so that they are prepared to act if the situation arises.

Safety is a top priority at T.I.P. REC and our line crews will continue to review numerous safety procedures unique to the electric industry every year.



All T.I.P. REC linemen review the procedures and take a turn practicing their pole top rescue skills.

Happy Retirement, Mike!



Mike Kleitsch, (left), Work Order and Material Clerk, whose last day was September 29, 2023, is shown receiving an Appreciation Certificate from Scott Long, CEO/General Manager, for his 45 years of dedicated service to T.I.P. REC.

Mike began work on September 27, 1978, as a Material & Work Order Clerk in our Brooklyn office.

We hope Mike enjoys this new chapter of his life and we wish him a long and healthy retirement!



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Energy Audits Available to Member-Owners

T.I.P. REC is offering two types of energy audits that can help our member-owners use electricity in a more efficient manner and help save money on their electric bill.

The first energy audit is a free home energy audit available on the internet. This audit was developed by several parties working together, including the U.S. Department of Energy and Touchstone Energy® cooperatives. To take advantage of all or part of this audit, go to - <http://hes.lbl.gov/>.

The second type of energy audit your cooperative offers is an on-premise energy audit utilizing a third party vendor. This audit is done with the aid of thermography using infrared imaging displays to show heat patterns that allow the detection of problems that are not easily identifiable. Windows, doors, insulation levels and lighting are among other things that will be checked. This energy audit results in a very detailed report.

The cost to the member-owner for the above residential audit is \$175, with the cooperative picking up the remaining portion of the charges. Commercial energy audits are available but handled on an individual basis. You can schedule an energy audit by calling us at 800-934-7976.

By making the upgrades suggested following a home energy audit, you can save 5% to 30% on your energy bill.

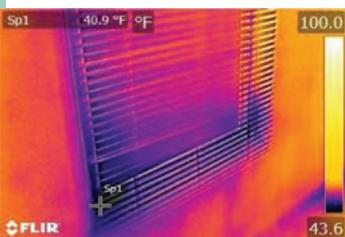


DOOR

An energy audit done with the aid of thermography (infrared scanning) can help detect air leakage in your home.



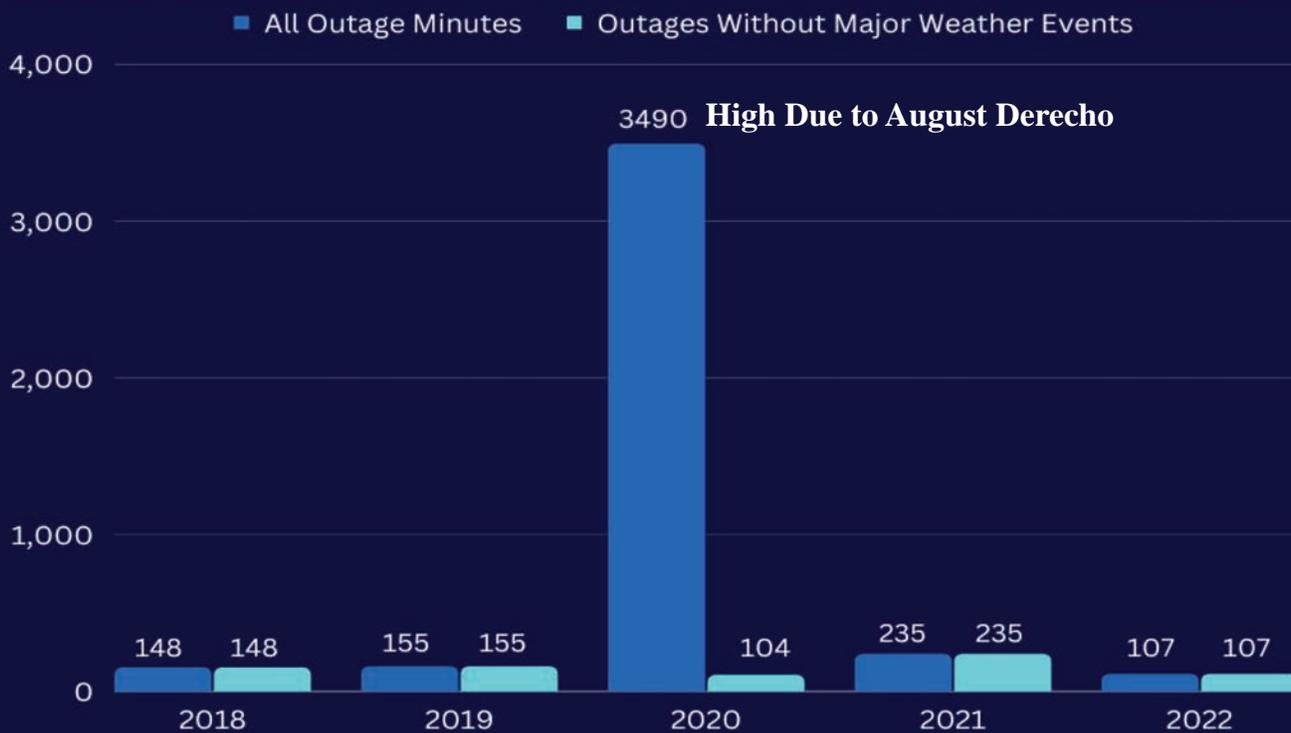
HOUSE



WINDOW

5 YEAR HISTORY

OUTAGE MINUTES PER MEMBER ACCOUNT WITH AND WITHOUT MAJOR WEATHER EVENTS



Space Heater Safety



Will you be using a space heater as a supplemental heat source this winter? Here are a few safety tips to remember:

- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition.
- Make sure the heater is clean and in good condition.
- Never allow pets or children near a space heater. Accidental contact could cause serious shock or burns.
- Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.

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You Care, We Care, RECare

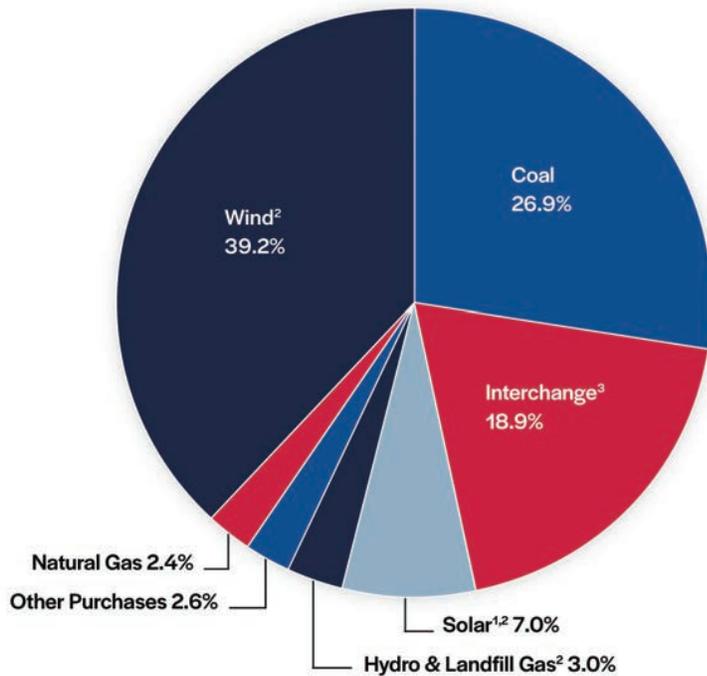
RECare is a program that facilitates members helping other members.

RECare provides funds to local community action agencies that then distribute the assistance to low-income T.I.P. REC members.

As a member of T.I.P. REC, you can make a one-time contribution or a monthly pledge to help your neighbors in need.

IOWA 811 Finishing up digging projects before winter? Go to IowaOneCall.com or call 1-800-292-8989 before you dig.

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2022 data
Represents 3,174 GWh

Sources of Energy

Have you ever wondered what sources of energy are used to power your homes, farms and businesses? If you look to your left you will see that our power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) provides us with a diversified generation portfolio which includes renewables and other sustainable sources of energy. They generate and transmit this power to T.I.P. REC in a way that reduces our carbon footprint and minimizes the impact to the environment.

Rest assured that we are committed to an all of the above energy portfolio to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to power your lives.

For more information go to our website tiprec.com/sources-energy.

Serving Up Savings



The holiday season is just around the corner and soon, festive music will flood the airwaves, sparkling lights and decorations will adorn homes and businesses, and good tidings will abound.

The holidays also bring a frenzy of decorating, cooking and family gatherings, and amid the hectic hustle and bustle, you may receive higher-than-usual energy bills.

Keeping this in mind, we thought this month would be a good time to remind our member-owners how to help lower your monthly energy use.

Energy Efficiency

Winter months typically bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. Making minor, low-cost improvements, like weatherstripping exterior doors and caulking around old, drafty windows can make a positive impact on energy bills. We also offer home energy audits at a cost of \$175 to you - see article on page 2.

Decorating Savings

Decorating for the holidays begins earlier each year. With holiday lights adorning our home for well over a month, its a great time to make the switch to LEDs to save energy.

LED holiday lights use 88% less energy than incandescent holiday lights. To put that into perspective, the Department of Energy estimates that with standard holiday decorations, LED lights typically increase energy bills by about \$5 to \$7. But with incandescent lights, energy bills will typically increase by \$33 or more. For homes that go above and beyond with incandescent holiday lighting (think Clark Griswold), energy bills could increase much more. Beyond energy savings, LEDs provide additional benefits, such as being shock-resistant, shatterproof and cool to the touch, making them safer for the home.

You can lower energy use by conveniently managing holiday lighting. Smart light timers can help you save energy by connecting to a smart phone app or voice assistant to program lights to turn on and off at set times. If you don't use smart home technology, you can still save energy by using traditional timers.

Additional easy ways to save during the holiday season include enjoying the ambiance by turning off overhead lights and using your Christmas tree to illuminate your home. If you have a fireplace, remember

to close the flue when you're not burning a fire to ensure heat doesn't escape through the chimney.

With a little planning upfront, you can find efficient ways to save this holiday season.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



The holiday season is upon us, and that means we'll be using more energy in the kitchen! When possible, cook with smaller countertop appliances instead of the stovetop or oven.

Smaller appliances like slow cookers, air fryers and Instant Pots consume less energy.

When using the oven or stovetop, match the size of the pot to the heating element and place a lid over the pot while cooking. The food will cook faster, and you'll use less energy.



T.I.P. REC would like to thank Nate Egerton, Journeyman Lineman, and Jim DeSmet, Board Member, for their dedicated service.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Tuesday, November 21 from 7:00 am till 1:00 pm for an all-employee meeting.

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