

March 2025

# Circuits

For Dakota Electric members

The  
Money  
Saving  
Edition



## CAREERS

### BE A PART OF OUR ENERGY

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[HResources@dakotaelectric.com](mailto:HResources@dakotaelectric.com)  
651-463-6301

## CONTACT US

### Member Service & Drive-Up Window

7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday  
651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409  
Minnesota Relay Service 711  
[customerservice@dakotaelectric.com](mailto:customerservice@dakotaelectric.com)

**Lobby** - 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday  
4300 220th Street West  
Farmington, MN 55024

### 24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

651-463-6201 or 1-800-430-9722

### Underground Cable Locations

Gopher State One Call 811 or  
651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166  
[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org)

### New & Existing Services

651-463-6247

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*All programs and rebates are subject to  
change without notice. Funds are limited and  
available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

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# Energy **saving** solutions

*Effectively managing your energy bill involves adopting energy-efficient practices and utilizing programs designed to help you save. Dakota Electric provides a variety of tools and tips for members to lower their energy consumption and costs.*

## Energy-Efficiency Tips

Implementing small changes in your daily routine can lead to significant energy savings:

**Window management:** Use window coverings to regulate indoor temperatures — open them for warmth in winter, close them to block heat in summer.

**Seal air leaks:** Apply caulk and weather stripping around drafty doors and windows to stop air from escaping your home, which forces your heating and cooling system to work harder.

**Maintain heating and cooling systems:** Regularly service your heating and cooling systems, and replace furnace filters every month or as advised by the manufacturer. Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators to ensure they function efficiently.

## Programs and Rebates

Dakota Electric offers various programs to help members manage their energy usage:

**Cycled Air Conditioning® program:** Enroll in this program to receive a \$39 summer bill credit or a reduced price on the electricity your central air conditioner uses.

**Load management programs:** Members can enroll in load management programs that shift energy usage to off-peak times, helping to reduce overall demand and keep electricity rates affordable. These programs apply to various electric appliances, including water heaters, electric heating systems and irrigation pumps.

**Energy Wise® rebates:** Dakota Electric offers rebates for upgrading to energy-efficient appliances and equipment, such as air-source heat pumps, ground-source heat pumps and electric water heaters. These rebates help offset the initial investment in energy-saving technology, ultimately lowering long-term energy bills.

**Battery powered yard tool rebates:** Switching to battery-powered yard tools can lead to energy savings. Dakota Electric offers rebates ranging from \$25 to \$50 for qualifying equipment.

## Billing and Payment Options

Understanding your billing and payment options can also aid in managing your energy expenses:

**Billing information:** Stay informed about your billing details to monitor your energy consumption and costs.

**Payment options:** Explore various payment methods to find the one that best suits your financial planning.

**Financial assistance:** If you're facing financial difficulties, Dakota Electric offers assistance programs to help manage your energy bills.

Visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/billing-payment/financial-assistance](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/billing-payment/financial-assistance) for more information.

By incorporating these tips and taking advantage of Dakota Electric's programs, you can effectively manage and reduce your energy bills. Visit [www.dakotaelectric.com](http://www.dakotaelectric.com) to learn more.

# 2025 EnergyWise® rebates

Check out this year's Energy Wise rebates for your home. For more information and for rebate forms, please visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/programs-rebates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/programs-rebates).



## HEATING & COOLING

<b>Heat pump systems</b>	Tune up	\$25
	Ductless air-source heat pump $\geq 7.5$ -8.0+ HSPF2* / $\geq 14.3$ -16 SEER2 (based on tonnage)	\$150-\$1,000
	Air-source heat pump $\geq 7.5$ -8.0+ HSPF2* / $\geq 14.3$ -16 SEER2	\$750-\$1,000
	Ground-source heat pump	\$400/ton
<b>Central air conditioner</b>	Tune up	\$25
	Central air conditioner 15.2 SEER2+*	\$350
<b>Cycled air conditioning*</b>	Summer season bill credit for participating central air conditioners	\$39
<b>Electric thermal storage heating system</b>	Installed on Energy Wise® storage program	\$50/kW

\*These rebate applications are available only through registered contractors. Visit [https://hvacree.net/gre/public\\_search.cfm](https://hvacree.net/gre/public_search.cfm) to find a contractor.



## APPLIANCES

<b>Dehumidifier</b>	Must be ENERGY STAR® rated	\$25
<b>Refrigerator or freezer recycling</b>	Recycle a working refrigerator or freezer with or without the purchase of a new one	\$75
<b>ENERGY STAR electric dryer</b>	Must be ENERGY STAR rated	\$25



## LIGHTING

<b>LED bulbs</b>	ENERGY STAR rated encouraged	Up to \$2/bulb
<b>LED yard light (member-owned)</b>	LED light fixture	\$30



## WATER HEATERS

<b>Heat pump water heater</b>	Must be ENERGY STAR rated	\$500
<b>Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) water heating</b>	New construction installation: high-efficient, large capacity electric water heater controlled on Energy Wise off-peak program	\$400
	Replacement of non-controlled electric water heater with high-efficiency, large capacity electric water heater controlled on Energy Wise off-peak program	\$400
<b>Interruptible electric water heating</b>	First-time enrollment on Energy Wise interruptible program	\$100



## MISCELLANEOUS

<b>Pool pump variable speed motor</b>	Must be ENERGY STAR rated	\$200
<b>Heat pump pool heater</b>	Coefficient of Performance (COP) of 5.0	\$400
<b>Electric vehicle charger installation</b>	Level two chargers must meet installation requirements	\$500
<b>Battery-powered yard tools</b>	Leaf blower, chainsaw, lawn mower, snow blower, trimmer or weed whip	\$25-\$50
<b>Solar installation</b>	One-time payment per premise upon installation and commission of solar photovoltaic (PV) array	\$500

# Load management programs

Participate in one or more of the following load management (also known as off-peak) programs and **receive electricity at nearly half the regular rate!** Learn more at [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home). To enroll, contact the Energy Experts® at 651-463-6243 or [energyexperts@dakotaelectric.com](mailto:energyexperts@dakotaelectric.com).

## Storage Programs

Available for electric water heaters, electric thermal storage heaters and slab storage floor heating systems.

## Interruptible Programs

Available for electric water heaters, electric heaters, heat pumps, swimming pools and hot tubs.

## Cycled Air Conditioning®

Available only for central air conditioners.

## ChargeWise Electric Vehicle (EV) Programs

Dakota Electric offers three voluntary options for charging your EV at home.

## Join our Wellspring Renewable Energy Program

Elevate your energy impact with Wellspring Renewable Energy® — a program that propels you into the forefront of sustainable change!

By joining this voluntary program, Dakota Electric members not only champion the growth of wind and solar power in Minnesota but also actively reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy sources.

Sign up today by visiting:  
[www.dakotaelectric.com/renewable-energy/wellspring-renewable-energy](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/renewable-energy/wellspring-renewable-energy).

# EV programs

Dakota Electric provides three voluntary options for charging your EV at home, along with a \$500 rebate to help cover the cost of installing a charging circuit on the storage or time-of-use programs. Contact an Energy Expert® today at 651-463-6243.

## Storage

Offers members the lowest cost available to charge their EV. Charging occurs during the off-peak hours of 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.

## Time-of-Use

Available for members to charge their EV at any time of day. Members are charged lower rates during the off-peak hours of 9 p.m. - 8 a.m.

## Virtual Metered EV Charging Program

Charging your EV at home has just become easier! Dakota Electric now provides a virtual metered EV charging program for members who wish to participate without the need for installing an additional meter.

# Crops Day

The seventeenth annual Crops Day, hosted by experts from the University of Minnesota and the Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District, will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Dakota Electric's office in Farmington. The event presents local research results and crop management strategies for producers and agricultural professionals, with free admission and lunch included.

Pre-registration is encouraged for catering purposes; RSVP at <https://z.umn.edu/DakotaCountyCropsDay> or via the QR code.



Wed.  
**March 12**  
9 AM - 1 PM





# Election update

In accordance with Section 3, Article III, of the Bylaws of this Association, the Nominating Committee held meetings with all Board candidates on January 29, 2025, and selected the following nominees to be included on the 2025 ballot for directorship of Dakota Electric.

DISTRICT 1 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 2 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 3 (3-YEAR TERM)	DISTRICT 4 (3-YEAR TERM)
David Jones <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Terry Donnelly <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Cyndee Fields <i>(Incumbent)</i>	Stacy Miller <i>(Incumbent)</i>
Jeff Nelson	Ben Baglio	Nadim Zoberi	Ian Benson
	Michael Hanninen		
	Todd Neuman		
	Amelia Vohs		

The Nominating Committee is made up of the following people: Robert “Bob” Erickson, Gerald “Jerry” Brown\* (reassigned), Jerry Pottorff\* (reassigned), Mark Pflaum (first alternate), Charles Radman, Arlene Sheldon, William Raker, and Greg Oxley.

*\*Committee member was reassigned outside their home district to balance representation during selection.*

## Apple Valley franchise fee

Beginning in March 2025, Dakota Electric members in Apple Valley will see an updated franchise fee on their bills, as approved by the city. The fee is set at 3% of monthly electricity usage, with a maximum charge of \$25 for residential accounts and \$75 for commercial accounts. For example, a residential account with a monthly electric bill ranging from \$100 to \$200 can anticipate a fee between \$3 and \$6. Dakota Electric does not retain any portion of this fee — it is fully passed on to the city of Apple Valley. For questions regarding the franchise fee, please contact Apple Valley City Hall at 952-953-2500. For inquiries about electric service charges, reach out to Dakota Electric at 651-463-6212.

## RTA charge and advanced meter recovery fee

*There will be an increase to residential members’ bills in 2025 due to the resource & tax adjustment (RTA) charge and advanced meter recovery fee.*

### How Much is the Increase?

For residential members, the 2025 RTA will be a \$0.0113 surcharge per kilowatt-hour, which is \$0.0131 greater than 2024. The 2025 advanced meter recovery fee will be 78 cents per residential meter, which is 20 cents higher than December 2024. Together, the fees will increase the average residential member’s bill a total of about \$9.29 per month. Commercial accounts should contact an account representative to discuss the RTA charge for their rate class.

## Rate case update

Dakota Electric submitted a general rate case petition to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on Dec. 30, 2024, requesting an overall annual revenue increase of about 11% or \$23.8 million.

The filing includes an interim increase while our general rate case is being reviewed. A 9.5% increase will apply to electricity use beginning in March 2025. This interim increase appears on your bill as “Interim Rate Adjustment.”

State agency regulatory staff is now reviewing the filing for procedural compliance. Like all general rate case filings, this filing is expected to be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for further review. To learn more about the rate case, please visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/rates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/rates).



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Crops Day**  
March 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Lakeville Landscape & Home Expo**  
March 22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Lakeville North High School
- **Board Meeting**  
March 27, 8:30 a.m.

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# Dakota Electric Annual Meeting

***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Thursday, April 24**

**6 PM - 8:30 PM**

***HELD AT***  
***Dakota Electric Headquarters***

