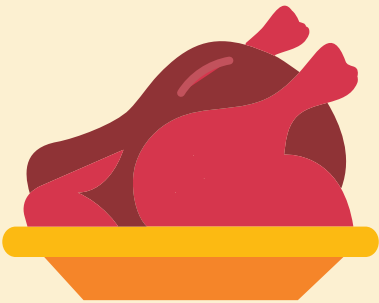


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# Circuits

For Dakota Electric members



## 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  
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[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  
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### New & Existing Services

651-460-7500

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# Our members, our gratitude

*As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, Dakota Electric would like to take this moment to express our deepest appreciation for you, our valued members. It is because of your trust and support we can continue to power our communities, homes and businesses.*

This season of gratitude also provides an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. To all our Veterans and their families, we extend a special thank you for your service and sacrifice. Your courage ensures the freedoms we enjoy, and we are forever grateful for your contributions to our nation and our community.

Just as we honor our Veterans, we also celebrate the collective impact our members have made. Through your partnership, we have achieved incredible milestones together:

### Reliable energy, every day

Thanks to your ongoing support, Dakota Electric remains committed to delivering safe, affordable and reliable electricity. Keeping the lights on means more than just delivering power — it's about ensuring comfort, convenience and connection in your daily life.

### Empowering our future

By investing in our youth through scholarships, educational programs and outreach, we are shaping

tomorrow's leaders. Together, we provide opportunities for our young people to thrive, grow and lead with knowledge and confidence.

### Supporting the community

Your membership allows us to give back, sponsoring local events, charities and initiatives that strengthen the fabric of our communities. From neighborhood projects to larger regional efforts, your co-op is proud to play a part in making our area a great place to live and work.

### Promoting sustainability

As we look ahead, sustainability remains a core priority. By promoting energy efficiency and load management programs, we continue working towards a cleaner, more sustainable future, protecting the environment for generations to come.

### Thank you

Thank you for being a Dakota Electric member. May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, joy and time spent with loved ones.





# Tips for a **safe & efficient** holiday season

*This holiday season, keep energy savings  
and electrical safety in mind.*

## **SAVE ENERGY**

Use smaller appliances like slow cookers  
instead of the oven.

Lower thermostat when hosting friends  
and family.

Decorate with energy-saving LED lights.

Use a timer for lights, displays, and unplug  
devices that are not in use.

## **PRIORITIZE SAFETY**

Never leave unattended candles burning.

Ensure all smoke alarms are working.

When decorating, inspect all light strands  
and cords for damage.

Don't overload extension cords or outlets.



# Thinking **electric**

## Install an electric water heater

Upgrade to an electric thermal storage (ETS) water heater to receive a rebate of up to \$400. You must enroll in the ETS water heater program to qualify for the rebate. Dakota Electric is now selling Marathon water heaters for a discounted price. For more information, visit [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates) or call our Energy Experts® at 651-463-6243.

## Install electric heating

There are many benefits to installing electric thermal storage (ETS) heating in your home. If you are considering electric heat for those hard-to-heat areas, purchase an ETS heating system and receive a \$50/kW rebate when you enroll in one of Dakota Electric's off-peak programs.

## Sales tax exemption for residential heat

A tax exemption is available for the months of November through April if you heat your home primarily with electricity. To determine eligibility, see the Minnesota Department of Revenue Sales Tax Fact Sheet 157 at [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us).

If you have questions regarding your eligibility for sales tax exemptions, please contact the Minnesota Department of Revenue at 651-296-6181 or toll free at 1-800-657-3777, or by email at [salesuse.tax@state.mn.us](mailto:salesuse.tax@state.mn.us).



# Dakota Electric and CoBank **donate \$20,000**

## Recipients include 360 Communities, CAP Agency and Burnsville Police and Fire Foundation

Dakota Electric Association, in partnership with CoBank, recently donated \$20,000 to support local organizations making a big impact. 360 Communities received \$10,000, while the CAP Agency and the Burnsville Police and Fire Foundation were each awarded \$5,000. The donations were doubled thanks to CoBank's "Sharing Success" grant.

"It's an honor to support these incredible organizations," said Jon Beyer, VP of Energy and Member Services at Dakota Electric. "The matching grant allows us to extend our reach and make a bigger difference."

360 Communities focuses on breaking cycles of violence and poverty through partnerships and holistic programs. CAP Agency helps individuals and families access education, housing, and employment. The Burnsville Police and Fire Foundation supports crucial safety initiatives, from K9 units to technology upgrades. These organizations are strengthening communities and ensuring a safer, brighter future.





# Dakota Electric's **Energy Fest** — A night of fun and innovation



On Tuesday, September 24, Dakota Electric hosted its highly anticipated Energy Fest, offering a dynamic evening filled with excitement and education. The event drew in a large crowd, eager to explore the latest in energy innovation.

With 405 tickets reserved on Eventbrite, 226 drivers and 179 attendees made their way to the event. A major highlight of the evening was the opportunity to test drive electric vehicles, with 25 dealership vehicles from 12 different manufacturers available for test drives.

In addition to the test drives, the event featured a display of electric vehicles, including a number of

member-owned EVs and an electric squad car from the Eagan Police. Attendees also explored booths from 16 vendors, enjoyed ice cream and connected with experts to learn how cutting-edge technologies are powering a more sustainable future. Energy Fest was not only a night of learning, but also a celebration of innovation and community engagement.

Dakota Electric extends a heartfelt thank you to our members for attending and making Energy Fest a success. We also express our gratitude to the dealerships and vendors who participated and helped showcase the exciting possibilities of a sustainable energy future.

## Energy **saving tips** for winter



Let the sun heat up your rooms



Seal cracks, leaks & drafts



Reprogram your thermostat



Reverse ceiling fans



Replace indoor air filter

## **Rate case filing**

Dakota Electric has not adjusted its base rates since 2019. As our membership grows, we must invest in additional infrastructure to maintain the reliable service you count on. To plan for the future, we will be adjusting rates in 2025 and filing a rate case with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the coming months. More details will be shared in upcoming editions of *Circuits* and on our website.

## **Notice!**

Look for board election information in the December edition of *Circuits*!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Office Closing Early**  
Nov. 21, closing at 2 p.m.  
Employee Event
- **Office Closed**  
Nov. 28-29  
Thanksgiving

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## CONNECT WITH US!



# HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION

*Get Ready To Light Up the Season With Dakota Electric's Holiday Glow-Off!*

## THREE CATEGORIES

**Apartment**  
(PRIZE: Robot Vacuum)

**Single Family Home**  
(PRIZE: Electric Snowblower)

**Small Business**  
(PRIZE: Feature in *Circuits*)

### HOW TO ENTER:

- Snap a photo of your holiday lights display.
- Share it on Twitter/X, Instagram or Facebook and indicate which category you are in.
- You **MUST** tag Dakota Electric **AND** include **#holidayglowoff** in your caption.
- You must be a Dakota Electric member.
- One entry per account.
- Most liked photo wins for each category.
- Winners will be shared on our social channels!

RUNS  
**NOV. 1**  
TO  
**DEC. 15**