



Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Our mission: Providing Safe, Reliable Electricity.

Office: 22458 Highway 2, PO Box 70
Bloomfield, IA 52537-0070
Phone: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027
Phone Payments: 800-927-5341
Report Outages: 800-607-2027
Call Before You Dig: 800-292-8989
Website: www.sie.coop
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Management:
Greg Proctor, CEO/General Manager
Jo Altheide, CFO/Economic Development
Ross Hunter, COO/Systems Analyst

Board of Directors:
Darrell Downing, President Travis Harris
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What to Do in Case of Trouble:
***Check for blown fuses or tripped breakers.**
***Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and whether they have reported the outage. If not, call Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative Inc. and report the problem 24 hours a day at (641)-664-2277 or (800)-607-2027.**

Service Charges:	
ACH (Electronic Payment)	No Charge
Bill Collection	\$ 50
Disconnect	\$ 50
Posting	\$ 50
Returned Check	\$ 30
Reconnect	\$ 75
Trip Charge	\$ 50
Meter Tampering	\$150
Overtime Service Call	\$150

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Reaching Out to Help Others

Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative has always extended a helping hand to people in need. That's why we've established RE-Care, a program of members helping members. You can help needy people weatherize their homes and pay their winter heating bills. If you're interested, please complete and return this form to our office.

We currently have a balance of \$2,920.58 in the RECare fund. Disbursements are made to low-income members on a case-by-case basis by local community action agencies.

Any amount you give will be appreciated!



RECARE MEMBER AUTHORIZATION FORM

Yes, I want to contribute to RECare.

I will make a one-time contribution to RECare.
My check is enclosed.

I will contribute \$ _____ per month for _____ months to RECare. I understand this amount automatically will be added to my monthly electric bill.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Signature _____

Please mail to: RECare
Southern Iowa Electric Coop, Inc.
P.O. Box 70, Bloomfield, IA 52537-0070



Happy Thanksgiving

SIEC will be closed
Thursday Nov 26th &
Friday Nov 27th for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.



Winter is approaching and with it comes the potential for winter storms. When large outages occur, SIEC may have to temporarily switch our phone lines over to our On-Call Dispatch Service during regular business hours. This is due to the high call volume experienced during large outages. When this is necessary, you will not be talking directly to a local SIEC employee. SIEC's On-Call Dispatch Service is very proficient in getting critical outage information to our Operations Manager so he can effectively dispatch crews in the safest and quickest means possible to get your power restored. Please know your calls are very important to us, especially during outages. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our members and appreciate your patience.

Tree Trimming to Start Soon

Evidence for the need to control growth of vegetation along power line right-of-way is easy to see in many rural areas. Overgrown right-of-way can cause problems during severe weather and can make it difficult to reach trouble spots to make repairs.

In a continuing effort to control brush growth, Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative has hired Contractors to cut and trim trees in the Pittsburg and Keosauqua substation areas. The Contractors will be performing maintenance trimming and mowing, removing re-growth vegetation, and clearing areas that may have been missed in previous years. The work will be done as an attempt to improve system reliability, provide a safer work environment, establish a more accessible right-of-way to the Cooperative's facilities, and to maintain clearance of brush and tree limbs from the power lines. Generally, the Contractors will be trimming up to 20 to 25 feet on each side of the pole centerline and removing any additional "danger" trees that may be a potential threat to the power lines. Yard trees will be reviewed separately and a determination will be made on the best course of action for those trees. The Contractors will also be mowing and brush cutting underneath the power lines. In most cases, you should expect to see less vegetation cut and removed than in prior years, depending on the re-growth activity in your area. You should also expect delays on clean up work depending upon the weather conditions. For additional information please visit our website at www.sie.coop or give us a call at 800-607-2027.

The Contractors working in your area will make an attempt to contact all landowners, either personally, or with the use of a "door hanger" in advance of cutting in your area. If no response is given after a good faith effort to contact you, the Contractors will proceed with their trimming activities as required. Please respond if you are contacted by a Contractor or your Cooperative as soon as possible. Contractors are scheduled to begin working after December 15, 2020, and will continue throughout the 2021 calendar year. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Cooperative.



Engine heaters can wreck your electric bill

Trucks and tractors often have engine block heaters installed to help start the engines in cold weather. These heaters are often a necessity to get your vehicle going in frigid temperatures, but they can also add a wallop to your electric bill. Typical block heaters can use from 600 to 1,000 watts of electricity, and usually don't have any type of thermostat control. So, when you plug in your heater, you're redrawing a continuous flow of energy that may equal the light bulbs in your whole house! If used 6 hours a day (during off peak hours) a heater can add up to 150 kilowatt hours a month, costing around \$17 on your bill. If you need an engine heater, install a timer to start warming the engine an hour before you plan to drive it. If possible, stay completely out of the On-Peak hours (7-8 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. Monday through Friday) to avoid On-Peak Demand charges. That will save energy and help keep your electric bill under control.

Reliability Report 2020 Year-To-Date

Power supplies/NEP	1
Equipment failure	43
Maintenance	28
Trees	32
Weather	96
Animals	44
Public/Customer	12
Unknown	49

