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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

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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
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In 2021, SIEC will award three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors; one scholarship in each of three areas determined by membership totals: Appanoose/Van Buren Counties, Davis County and Wapello County. There will also be one \$2,000 scholarship available for Lineman School. All high school seniors, whose parents/guardians are members of SIEC with active account(s) are eligible. An exception will be made for a student enrolling in Lineman School. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational technical school for fall 2021 and must be a U.S. citizen. To apply, go to our website www.sie.coop, under the Community tab, and print out an application, or call 800-607-2027 to request an application be mailed to you. Return completed application with essay to SIEC Scholarship Program, PO Box 70, Bloomfield, IA, 52537. Applications must be received by SIEC no later than March 31, 2021. All applications will be presented to a panel of judges who select winners. Judges are not from SIEC and will give equal consideration to all students. Winners will be notified in May 2021 to allow for presentation to the recipient at his/her graduation awards ceremony. Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable. Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at an institute of higher education and be issued in August 2021. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion or disability.



DID YOU KNOW?

In accordance with Iowa Code 476.6A the owner of any alternate energy production facility (solar, wind, etc.) that is attached to the Cooperative lines is required to provide written notification to the Cooperative of the intent to install the facility at least 30 days prior to construction. The appropriate Interconnection Agreement must also be completed and signed by the member and the Cooperative before installation on Cooperative lines occur. Please call us at 800-607-2027 with any questions.

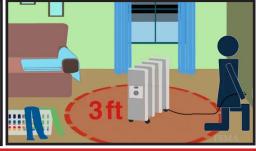
Space Heater Safety Tips

Electric space heaters can help quickly warm a room. However, they can be as dangerous as convenient if used improperly.

- Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and UL approved. Make sure the unit is equipped with an emergency tip-over shut-off feature and heating element guards. Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.
- Before using a space heater, make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition.
- Check to make sure the heater is clean and in good condition, and have all problems professionally repaired.
- Place the heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface NOT on carpets, furniture or countertops.
- Space heaters have one purpose which is to provide supplemental heating. Never use them to thaw pipes, cook food, or dry clothing or towels.
- Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from combustible liquids like fuel, spray cans and paint, as well as flammable items such as draperies, blankets and sofas.
- Never allow pets or children near an electric heater. Accidental contact could result in serious shock or burns.
- Do not overload circuits. Never use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater, and make sure the unit is not plugged into the same circuit as other electric appliances.
- If your space heater is plugged into a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) and it trips, don't assume there is something wrong with the GFCI.
- Immediately stop using the heater until a professional can check it, otherwise a serious shock could occur.
- Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Replace older space heaters with newer, safer models.







Many people also use electric blankets to keep warm during cold winter nights. Before plugging in electric blankets, check for any damage and inspect cord for frays, cracks or cuts. Electric blankets should not be tucked under the mattress and nothing should be placed on top of the blanket while it's in use, including comforters and bedspreads. Pets should never be allowed to sleep on the electric blanket.