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# EnLIGHTening NEWS



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Check us out on Facebook & Twitter

**Report an Outage:**  
**877-439-2300**  
**for after hours service**

## Local Control for Public Power What does this mean to you?

Nebraska has a unique business model to provide electricity to the end-use customer and we have been highlighting benefits over the last two months. We started with reliability and then affordability. Local control is the third pillar of Public Power. Utilities in Nebraska are divided into three types: public power districts, electric coops, and municipals. Stanton County is a public power district. All these options operate as non-profit organizations with local control, either by electing a Board of Directors or a City Council to govern the utility. Those elected are either customers of the District or Municipality or members of the coop.

Local control is a large part of what makes this Public Power model work. The Districts, Coops and Municipalities can deal with the challenges of their utility.

This includes various customer bases, a variety of farms and businesses and different demographics. The local involvement allows for decisions to be made that will be locally beneficial. Local control allows each situation to be evaluated separately and addressed on that local level. As we navigate future here at the Stanton County Public Power District, we will continue to be guided by our locally elected Board of Directors.



Manager Chad Waldow

# Thinking Safety Can Save Your Life

A generator can be a valuable piece of equipment to keep appliances working during a power outage. Generators can be either temporary or permanently installed. A permanent generator is wired into a house by a qualified electrician using a transfer switch that prevents a generator from feeding electricity back onto overhead lines, which can be deadly for linemen.

A temporary generator is powered by gasoline and should not be attached to a circuit breaker, fuse or outlet. Before purchasing a generator you need to know the wattage required to run the appliances you will attach to the generator.

You also need to know the surge power, which is the power it takes to turn an appliance on.

Once you have purchased the proper generator, follow these tips to properly operate your generator:

- Read & follow all manufacturer operating instructions
- Never operate a generator in a confined area, such as a garage.
- When weather conditions are wet or moist protect the generator by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface.
- When you refuel the generator, make sure the engine is cool to prevent a fire.
- There should be nothing plugged into the generator when you turn it on.
- Be sure to keep children and pets away from the generator, it could burn them.



feeling chilled?

## HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY

- 1 Place on a flat, level surface
- 2 Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away
- 3 Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked
- 4 Plug it directly into an outlet
- 5 Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which can overheat
- 6 Follow all instructions and use models endorsed by a reputable testing lab
- 7 Do not use around small children or pets
- 8 Do not use one with a damaged plug or prongs

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## EnergyWise Incentives >>>



# 2021 Incentive Rebate Programs

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs. There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2021 year. For more information, check the website at [www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com) or call the office at 402-439-2228.

### Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

- \$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9
- \$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

### High Efficiency Heat Pump:

- \$400 - \$3,000 Incentive
- Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5
- Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

### SMART thermostat:

- \$25-\$100 Incentive options

### Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.



# When your power goes out:

## Reporting an outage

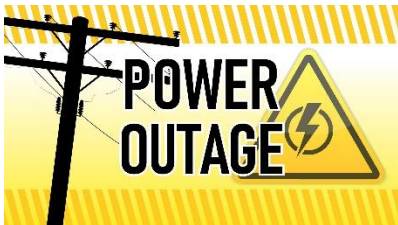
Winter will soon return to us here in Nebraska. Winter brings the potential for storms, and storms bring the potential for electricity outages. We want to thank you for your support and assistance with outage reporting in the past. The information you provide is beneficial to not only restore service, but also discover the origin of the outage.

Here are just a few reminders to help expedite the restoration of power.

- Please report the name listed on your billing statement. Most of the time, this will be your own name. However, this is not always the case. The district personnel will use the name you report to find your account information as well as your location and equipment (ex; meter, transformer) information. If your name is not on the account, this could cause delays in locating your service and restoring power.
- When reporting a location, please provide the physical address of the property or the “911 address”. If the location has no physical address, please provide a legal description or the closest crossroad.
- If you have several locations in our service territory, it is always helpful to provide a meter number. This equipment information is unique to each location and will be the fastest way to find your account in our billing system and relay the information to our lineman.

The District will update our customers on the social media platforms, Facebook and Twitter. However, this is NOT the place to report an outage. Always call the office at 402-439-2228 or 402-439-2300 to speak to an employee. This will ensure that your report is taken in the most timely manner.

Thank you for your continued patience with us during these times, our employees will always work as quickly and safely as possible to restore all services.



## WHY IS MY POWER OUT?

A storm or a squirrel may be to blame

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When the power goes out, we work hard to resume service as quickly and safely as possible.

Here are some common reasons the power goes out:

- STORMS:** Mother Nature can interfere with power delivery.
- TREES AND VEGETATION:** This is why we work so hard to keep power lines clear.
- ANIMALS:** Curious animals can cause damage, especially squirrels.
- ACCIDENTS:** Run-ins with a utility pole or other equipment can cause an outage.
- PUBLIC DAMAGE:** Unsafe digging, equipment or line damage, vandalism or theft can all interfere.
- OVERLOAD:** This happens when demand spikes, like on a hot summer day.
- EQUIPMENT ISSUES:** We maintain and inspect equipment regularly, but sometimes malfunctions occur.

Thank you for your patience during outages.

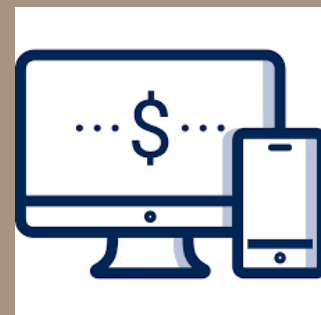
## Payment Options>>>>

### Take advantage of online or automated payment options

Schedules are full, and time is short. It's easy to overlook a bill and miss a payment. Contact the office to ask about our electronic payment options. You can set up an automated payment by checking account, or through your debit/credit card.

You can sign up online through our SmartHub gateway. You just need your account number and a computer or mobile device to pay your bill at your convenience.

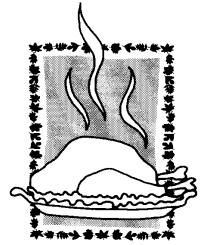
Customers can also call and pay a bill over the phone using a credit or debit card. There is no additional fee and the payment is posted to your account immediately!





# Holiday Closings

The Stanton County Public Power District office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans Day and November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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