

# The Outlet

May 2026

## APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE

**Tuesday, June 9**

Arcadia REC  
N28988 State Rd 93  
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 10**

Alma REC  
52196 Twilight Rd.  
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 11**

Holmen REC  
1800 Granary St.  
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS - FREE

Cable Boxes (FREE)  
Cables & Cords (FREE)  
Cameras & Camcorders (FREE)  
Cassette Tapes (FREE)  
Cell Phones/PDAs & Chargers (FREE)  
Clocks (FREE)  
Coffee Makers (FREE)  
Copiers & Printers (FREE)  
Desktop Computer Towers (FREE)  
Docking Stations (FREE)  
DVD/VHS/Blu-Ray Players (FREE)  
DVD Disks & VHS Tapes (FREE)  
External Drives (All types) (FREE)  
Fans (FREE)  
Fax Machines (FREE)  
Hair Dryers (FREE)  
Holiday Lights (FREE)  
LCD TVs (FREE)  
Laptops (FREE)  
Landline Phones (FREE)  
MP3 & iPod Players (FREE)  
Projectors (FREE)  
Radios (FREE)  
Satellite Dishes & Receivers (FREE)  
Scanners (FREE)  
Servers (FREE)  
Stereos & Speakers (FREE)  
Toasters (FREE)  
UPS & Jump Starters (FREE)  
Vacuum Cleaners (FREE)  
Video Game Consoles & Controllers (FREE)

### ACCEPTED ITEMS - FOR A FEE

Refrigerators (limit 2 per member)..... \*FREE (Non-member pays \$20)  
Freezers (limit 2 per member)..... \*FREE (Non-member pays \$20)  
Air Conditioners (limit 2 per member).. \*FREE (Non-member pays \$20)  
*\* Bring a copy of your electric bill to qualify.*

CRT, Wood & Projection TVs (limit 3).....\$10  
Dehumidifiers.....\$10  
Dishwashers.....\$5  
Dryers.....\$5  
Furnaces.....\$5  
Humidifiers.....\$5  
Microwaves.....\$5  
Monitors.....\$5  
Stoves.....\$5  
Washers.....\$5

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Batteries  
Ballasts  
Bulbs/Lamps  
Capacitors  
Gas Cylinders  
Ink & Toner Cartridges  
Liquids  
Medical & Radioactive Waste  
Medical & Lab Equipment  
Vape Pens  
Smoke Detectors  
Treadmills/Exercise Equipment



**MEMORIAL DAY**

Our offices will be closed on Monday,  
May 25 for Memorial Day.

Outages can be reported 24/7 by  
calling 800-927-6206.

Have a safe Holiday!

### OPERATING STATISTICS

**March 2026**

	Monthly		Year-to-date	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
KWHS PURCHASED	23,095,170	33,180,711	80,589,062	89,474,024
KWHS SOLD	22,393,147	32,371,700	77,750,265	86,555,251
REVENUE	\$ 3,679,457	\$ 3,864,096	\$ 11,890,150	\$ 12,771,110
COST OF PURCHASED POWER	\$ 1,908,143	\$ 1,987,488	\$ 6,458,501	\$ 7,542,789
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,633,470	\$ 1,610,682	\$ 4,588,485	\$ 4,386,877
OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 137,844	\$ 265,926	\$ 843,164	\$ 841,444
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 153,950	\$ 5,842	\$ 168,743	\$ 18,735
CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS	\$ 112,578	\$ 155,211	\$ 318,054	\$ 658,882
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$ 404,372</b>	<b>\$ 426,979</b>	<b>\$ 1,329,960</b>	<b>\$ 1,519,061</b>

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

As temperatures start to rise, many homeowners focus on staying cool. Don't forget about the small gaps around windows and doors. While air sealing is often associated with keeping cold air out during winter, it's just as important during summer. Tiny cracks and worn weatherstripping allow cool, conditioned air to escape and hot, humid air to seep indoors. This forces your air conditioner to work harder than necessary and increases energy costs. Take a few minutes to check for drafts, replace weatherstripping and seal leaks. A tighter home keeps you more comfortable and helps manage energy use.

Source: energy.gov

## Members Helping Members:

Members can help family, friends, neighbors, or even strangers stay current on their electric bill. If you would like to help a member by paying \$50, \$100, \$200 or any amount toward their electric bill, please send a check with the member's name, address and phone number.

Contact us at 800-411-9115 for more details.

## Month of May

**Billing Date:**  
May 1, 2026  
(April usage)

**Current amount due:**

**May 30, 2026**

Past due balance must be paid **BEFORE**  
May 27, 2026 to avoid  
disconnection.

## Reap What You Sow: Stay Safe During Planting Season

Long hours and fatigue are a constant battle for farmers during planting season. If you farm, remember to take care of yourself by getting as much rest as possible and allowing yourself breaks to clear your head. Be especially aware of electrical hazards around the farm. Be cautious and think twice before acting around electricity. Safe Electricity offers farmers the following reminders:



- If your machinery or vehicle comes in contact with a power line, do not get out. Once contact has been made with a live line (even when your tractor or truck makes contact), you are now a "pathway to ground" and you could get electrocuted if you step out. Instead, stay where you are and call 9-1-1 to dispatch the appropriate utility to de-energize the power.
- If you come across an accident or incident near a downed power line, alert individuals (from a distance) to stay in the tractor or vehicle as long as there is no imminent danger. Do not approach the scene.
- When using machinery with long extensions or tall antennas and when using ladders, look up to avoid contact with overhead power lines.
- Even if there is no contact, an electrical current can jump or arc so keep equipment at least 10 feet from surrounding power lines at all times.
- Remember, non-metallic materials (such as tree limbs, ropes and hay) can conduct electricity, depending on dampness and dust/dirt accumulation.
- Visually inspect overhead lines, which may not meet height codes due to age or pole damage. If a wire is hanging low or is on the ground, consider it energized and stay at least 50 feet away; call 9-1-1 to have the operator dispatch the utility.
- Every day, map out where equipment will be moved to ensure it will clear power lines.
- When working in the vicinity of power lines, always use a spotter who has a broad vantage point.
- Train anyone working with or for you (including seasonal employees) to be aware of power line locations and teach them proper clearance distance. Also design and implement a safety training program that includes a review of electrical hazards and how to safely deal with power lines.
- According to American Family Insurance, "know your PTO." To stay safe when working with a power take off (PTO), always disengage the PTO, turn off the engine and remove keys before getting off the tractor.



## Storm Season Ready: Outage Checklist

Outages can happen with little notice due to storms or equipment issues. A little prep helps keep your household safe and comfortable.

- Build an emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, battery radio, water, non-perishable food and first-aid supplies.
- Charge phones and tablets before storms, keep a power bank handy.
- Follow weather updates and Riverland Energy Cooperative's outage alerts.
- Protect electronics by using surge protectors and unplug non-essential items during an outage.
- Make backup arrangements for medical equipment and keep key contacts available.
- Stay clear of downed lines and watch for trees or branches near lines.

Crews restore power by focusing first on safety hazards, substations and major lines, then on smaller tap lines and individual services.

Report an outage: call 800-927-6206, text 55050, or use SmartHub.