



The Outlet

August 2026

Rounding Up for Community Cares Grant Applications Due August 13

When you opt into rounding up your energy bill, you're contributing to something bigger. The Community Cares Fund uses those small contributions to award grants to organizations doing great work in our local communities.

Grant applications are reviewed twice a year by the Community Cares Board. Don't miss the deadline. Apply on our website www.riverlandenergy.com/community-cares-program by August 13, 2026!

RIVERLAND ENERGY COOPERATIVE POWER YOUR FUTURE

Join the Youth Ambassador Program



Are you a high school junior passionate about energy, community, and leadership? Riverland Energy Cooperative invites motivated students to explore the world of electric cooperatives, build real-world skills, and make a difference in your communities.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN



Cooperative Principles & Electrical Safety



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy



Leadership Skills

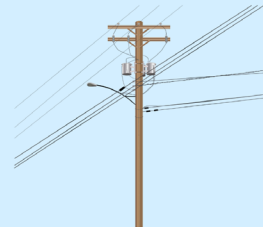


Career Pathways in Energy & Utilities

WHO CAN APPLY?



High School Juniors



SAVE THE DATE MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY!

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Onalaska Omni Center
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Free meal & milkshakes
- Entertainment:
 - Balloons by Kevin
 - Madlee Band
- Registration gift
- Chance to win electric bill credits

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
September 30, 2026

Questions?

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OPERATING STATISTICS

June 2026

	Monthly		Year-to-date	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
KWHS PURCHASED	25,736,836	49,787,953	148,139,166	240,001,672
KWHS SOLD	24,960,741	49,089,507	143,374,145	235,106,847
REVENUE	\$3,735,479	\$4,956,568	\$22,412,234	\$27,522,393
COST OF PURCHASED POWER	\$2,529,385	\$3,176,206	\$12,443,082	\$17,468,882
OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,668,392	\$1,884,383	\$9,553,128	\$9,574,813
OPERATING MARGINS	\$(462,298)	\$(104,021)	\$416,024	\$478,699
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$3,700	\$1,993	\$183,886	\$34,317
CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS	\$113,205	\$145,880	\$583,556	\$1,089,677
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(345,393)	\$43,851	\$1,183,465	\$1,602,693

Think Green: GO PAPERLESS!



Go paperless with SmartHub and enjoy convenient access to your bill anytime, anywhere. By choosing paperless billing, you can view and pay your bill from your mobile device or online, reduce mailbox clutter and help cut printing and postage costs for Riverland Energy Cooperative.

As a cooperative, those savings help benefit the membership overall. Sign up for paperless billing in SmartHub today.

Go green with SmartHub.

Available on Apple and Android devices and on the Web.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Simple habit changes, like doing laundry in the morning and running the dishwasher overnight can help lower energy use during peak times and support local energy reliability. Instead of running several major appliances at once, spread it out throughout the day or shift chores to off-peak hours when energy demand is lower. This not only helps improve overall efficiency, but can also reduce your energy costs. Changes in your energy use can make a meaningful difference for both your wallet and energy reliability.

Month of August

Billing Date:
August 1, 2026
(July usage)

Current amount due:

August 31, 2026

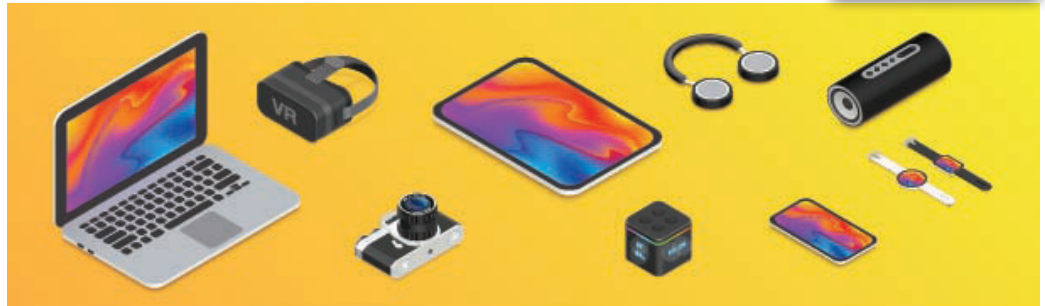
Past due balance must be paid **BEFORE**
August 25, 2026 to avoid
disconnection.

Welcome to REC!

Tiffany Bautch and Garrett Halama have joined REC. Tiffany is our Payroll/Capital Credit Analyst and Garrett is an apprentice lineman out of our Arcadia shop.

Tiffany lives in Independence with her two kids, Bently and Zoey. When she's not at work, you will find her cheering on the sidelines at the ball field or treasure hunting through local antique shops.

Garrett lives in Osseo with his fiancée, Autumn, and their dog, Charlie. When he's not working on power lines, you'll catch him hunting or fishing, spending time with family, and enjoying the outdoors!



LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY AT HOME

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries power many everyday devices, including phones, laptops, e-bikes, tools and toys. These batteries store a lot of energy in a small space. Learn how to buy, charge, store and recycle batteries safely to help prevent fires at home.

Use lithium-ion batteries safely

- Buy batteries and chargers with a nationally recognized safety certification mark.
- Only use chargers made for your devices and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Don't leave devices charging for longer than is necessary.
- Charge on hard, flat surfaces. Do not charge on beds, couches or under pillows.
- Store batteries at room temperature and away from anything that can catch fire.
- Have repairs conducted by a qualified professional.

! Stop using a battery if it smells unusual, gets very hot, makes popping sounds or changes in shape or color.

Charge e-bike and e-scooter batteries safely

- Charge your battery outdoors in a flat, dry area away from direct sunlight.
- Do not use a battery or charger that is damaged.
- Store batteries at room temperature, away from hot or cold areas.
- Never charge in areas that may block exits or create tripping hazards.
- Keep batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

What if batteries have been exposed to floodwater?

- Do not charge lithium-ion batteries that have been submerged or show signs of damage.
- Place exposed devices or batteries in noncombustible containers. Store them outside, away from buildings until recycled.

Recycle batteries the right way

- Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or curbside recycling bins. Doing so can start fires.
- Recycle batteries and devices at an approved battery recycling location.
- Contact your local waste department or visit batterynetwork.org to find a recycling site near you.

! The best way to cool a lithium-ion battery that is overheating or on fire is to flood it with water or submerge it in water.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

To learn more, visit:

