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The value of an air-source heat pump



**Beltrami Electric
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BIG PICTURE

Heating and cooling account for nearly half of your home's energy use. Choosing the right system makes a big difference in comfort and cost.

THE SOLUTION

An air-source heat pump, or ASHP, delivers efficient heating and cooling in one system. Today's models are built to handle Minnesota winters, along with hot summer days.

HOW IT WORKS

Think of it as a two-in-one system.

- In summer, it works like an air conditioner, moving heat out of your home.
- In winter, it reverses direction and pulls heat from the outdoor air to warm your home.
- When temperatures drop extremely low, or during off-peak control periods, a backup heat source maintains comfort.

WHY IT'S EFFICIENT

A heat pump does not create heat. It transfers existing heat. That process uses significantly less energy than traditional heating systems.

WHAT YOU SAVE

Lower energy costs

- You ultimately consume less energy with the high efficiency of the technology.
- If connected to an off-peak program, you receive a reduced energy (kWh) rate.
- Rebates help offset equipment costs.

Protection from fuel volatility

- Reduce or eliminate propane and natural gas use.
- Avoid unpredictable fuel price spikes and shortages.

Long-term value

- Lower overall energy consumption
- Greater year-round comfort
- Cleaner, electric-powered heating and cooling

BOTTOM LINE

An air-source heat pump helps you use less, save more and power your home efficiently in every season.

To learn how BEC can help you save with an ASHP, call us at 218-444-2540 or visit beltramielectric.com.



See the video at
ValueofElectricity.com





From your CEO: A message about electric rates

by Jared Echternach, president and CEO

THE SHORT VERSION:

We are adjusting electric rates to address rising costs in wholesale power, while working every day to keep bills as low as possible and continue providing the safe and reliable service you depend on.

As CEO of your electric cooperative, I believe in being open and straightforward about decisions that affect our members. Rate adjustments are never taken lightly, especially when many families and businesses are already feeling financial pressure.

WHAT'S CHANGING AND WHY:

Electric rates will increase on average 6.1% in April to help offset rising costs to provide reliable energy.

We know no one wants to see higher electric bills, and we understand the impact this can have on our members and communities.

This increase is due to factors outside our control — like rising costs to maintain transmission infrastructure, higher prices for materials and labor, and ongoing investments needed in wholesale power generation and transmission.

We want you to understand what goes into your bill and why these changes are necessary.

- Wholesale power generation and transmission make up nearly 70% of our total costs, so changes have a big impact.
- Depreciation, interest and taxes make up more than 12% of our total costs.
- The remaining 18% includes maintenance and repairs, system upgrades, insurance, member services and resources, billing, operating margins and the people behind your power.

This transparency is part of how we honor our responsibility to you as a member-owned cooperative.

OUR APPROACH TO COST CONTROL:

We are focused on increasing efficiency throughout our organization and managing costs in our operations. Our team continues to do its due diligence to find quality products and materials at the best value and extend the productive life of equipment when it is safe and cost-effective.

WHY RELIABILITY MATTERS:

You count on us every day for the electricity you need. This means we need continued investment in our electric distribution system to help prevent outages, build and maintain system infrastructure, and avoid higher costs down the road.

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED:

We remain a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative committed to transparency, responsible financial stewardship, and providing the service you expect.

- The monthly access charge, demand charge and the off-peak energy rate will remain unchanged.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

This rate adjustment reflects the minimum increase needed to balance reliability, efficiency and careful management of your cooperative's resources.

We want you to know that we are here to help. If you're looking for ways to manage your energy use, our team can provide tips, programs and resources to make your home or business more energy efficient.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We take our responsibility to serve you seriously and will continue working hard to deliver reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

		RATES	
		CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE
2026 ENERGY RATE ADJUSTMENT These changes are effective with bills received in April (March usage) <i>* The Purchased Power Adjustment is a direct pass-through from our wholesale power bill and will be a variable amount throughout the year.</i> – View the complete rate schedule at beltramielectric.com/rates	ENERGY RATE		
	General service, residential	\$0.1200/kWh	\$0.1275/kWh
	Commercial		
	• Three-phase loads < 50 kW, single-phase loads > 50 kW	\$0.1270/kWh	\$0.1345/kWh
	• Three-phase loads > 50 kW	\$0.0760/kWh	\$0.0835/kWh
	• Three-phase loads < 50 kW & irrigation	\$0.14821/kWh	\$0.15571/kWh
	Purchased Power Adjustment *	\$0.00	\$0.0014/kWh

MEET MINNKOTA

We often talk about our partners at Minnkota Power Cooperative, who supply us with the wholesale power we deliver to your home and businesses. As a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, you're not just part of your electric co-op, you are part of a much larger system. So, we wanted to share with you who Minnkota is and how they serve BEC and our co-op neighbors.

WHO IS MINNKOTA?

- Minnkota Power Cooperative is your wholesale electric supplier and is owned by BEC and 10 other distribution cooperatives in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.
- The Grand Forks-based co-op generates all the energy needed for the entire membership.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

- GENERATION & TRANSMISSION VS. DISTRIBUTION

While both BEC and Minnkota focus on creating a reliable and robust electric system, our roles are different:

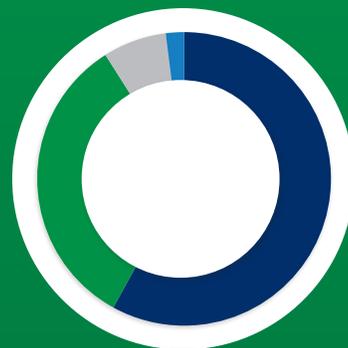
- Minnkota is a generation and transmission co-op that generates electricity and sends it long distances to substations in our region.
- BEC is a distribution co-op with our own infrastructure that delivers power to homes and businesses in our communities.

While your BEC board is made up of nine members like you, Minnkota's board is comprised of representatives from each of its member cooperatives within the system.

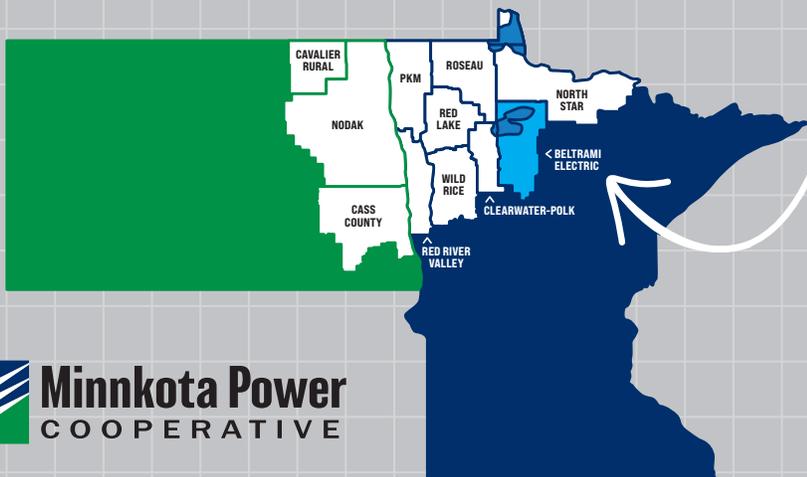
Minnkota and BEC work with the same goals in mind – to safely deliver the most reliable, affordable electricity to every member. Together, we work to build and maintain critical infrastructure, including substations and power lines.



MINNKOTA'S GENERATION CAPACITY



- 58% COAL
- 33% WIND
- 7% HYDRO
- 2% OTHER



BEC IN MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE'S SERVICE TERRITORY

Learn more about your wholesale energy supplier at Minnkota.com

ASK THE EXPERT!

WHAT IS OPERATION ROUND UP®?



Angela Lyseng,
Communications Specialist

Operation Round Up® is a simple, voluntary way for cooperative members to support programs and projects in our communities. Created in 1989 by Palmetto Electric Cooperative in South Carolina, the program has since been adopted by hundreds of electric cooperatives nationwide. The idea is straightforward. When we work together, our spare change can make a meaningful difference in our communities.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Participating members' electric bills are rounded up to the next highest dollar, and those cents are placed into a trust account for ORU.
- About 75% of our members currently participate.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE?

- The average annual contribution is just \$5.89, with a maximum contribution of \$11.88 per year.
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and the amount donated is shown on monthly bills.

WHO DECIDES WHERE FUNDS GO?

- ORU funds are administered by a volunteer Trust Board made up of five BEC members. They meet semiannually to review grant applications and award funds.
- Trust board members include Sharon Hadrava (*Laporte*), Jean Diffley (*Bemidji*), Kay Mack (*Bemidji*), Marne Waldo (*Kelliher*) and Miriam Osborn-Dougherty (*Blackduck*).

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Nonprofit, civic or community-based organizations can seek funding for a project or program in the following categories: Community Service, Economic Development, Education and/or Youth and Environment.

OUR LOCAL IMPACT

- Since BEC launched ORU in 2016, more than \$813,400 has been awarded to support over 640 community projects. Your small change has made a HUGE impact!

HOW DOES A QUALIFYING ORGANIZATION APPLY?

ORU applications can be found on BEC's website: beltramelectric.com/operation-roundup.



OPERATION ROUND UP APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The next grant application deadline is Friday, March 20. Applications will be reviewed and funds will be awarded in April.

IN THE WORLD OF ELECTRICITY,
YOU CAN'T MESS WITH PHYSICS

If you weren't paying attention in high school science class, don't worry – many of us weren't. So here's the skinny on electricity.

Electric power is one of the only commodities that must be used the moment it's produced. Until we have the utility-scale battery storage necessary to stock up on the electricity we need (not there yet), we must generate electricity 24/7, around the clock.

Not just when the sun is shining. Not just when the wind is blowing.

On top of needing electricity every moment of every day, we continually need MORE of it – for data centers, for artificial intelligence, for electric transportation, for everything. All tech (wind, natural gas, coal, solar, nuclear, hydro, batteries) must be on deck to power our lives. Because you can't overcome physics with good intentions alone.

THERE'S NO ENERGY FUTURE WITHOUT ENERGY TODAY.

WE NEED REAL POWER NOW

REALPOWERNOW.COM

Co-op Connections® Program

Check out these business deals!



A Stitch in Time

\$5 off any sewing or vacuum service
200 Paul Bunyan Dr S, Suite #2, Bemidji
sewbemidji.com

Beltrami County Historical Society

\$1.00 off adult admission, up to 4 adults
(single visit only, not valid with other offers)
130 Minnesota Ave SW, Bemidji
beltramihistory.org

Bemidji Communications

20% off labor
211 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji
bemcom.com

Bemidji Sports Centre

5% off apparel (hats, jackets, soft lines)
1826 Anne St NW, Bemidji
bemidjisportscentre.com

Bemidji Woolen Mills

10% off total purchase
301 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
bemidjiwoolenmills.com

Big Apple Bagels-Bemidji

10% off regularly priced menu items
1710 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
bigapplebagels.com/bemidji

Buena Vista Ski Area (Seasonal)

10% off regular price ski lift ticket
(excludes Friday nights)
19600 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
bvskiarea.com

Country Kitchen of Bemidji

10% off ticket
728 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
countrykitchenrestaurants.com

Darrell's Auto Glass

10% off complete windshield replacement
2035 Adams Ave NW, Bemidji
darrellsautoglass.com

Garden Grill & Pub

Free side order of fries with order
111 Central Ave SE, Bemidji
thegardenbemidji.com

Headwaters Realty Services

No real estate transaction fees (\$350 value)
Free consultation and home staging tips
802 Paul Bunyan Dr S #15, Bemidji
headwatersrealtymn.com

Headwaters Science Center

Receive 1 free child admission with the
purchase of 1 adult admission
413 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji
hscbemidji.org

Hill's Country Greenhouse (Seasonal)

5% off regular price purchase
(Excludes special orders and gift certificates)
49274 US 71, Bemidji
hillscountrygreenhouse.com

Image Photography and Framing

10% off in-studio portrait sessions for family or
high school seniors, Free duplicate DVD of any
video tape transfer (limit 10)
1305 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji
imagebjji.com

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service

Get \$100 when you switch - New client exclusive
(Minimum tax prep fee of \$250 applies)
1008 Paul Bunyan Dr NW #3, Bemidji
jacksonhewitt.com

Keith's Pizza, Inc.

\$2.00 off any large or extra large pizza (Not valid
with other discounts, offers or unbaked pizzas)
South: 110 Paul Bunyan Dr S, Bemidji
North: 1425 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
keithspizza.com

Ken K. Thompson Jewelry

20% discount on all regular price jewelry
(not valid on repairs or prior layaways)
1080 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
kenkthompsonjewelry.com

Lakes Area Powersports

Additional 10% off in-stock parts, accessories &
clothing
8322 State 371 NW, Walker
lakesareapowersports.com

LePier Shoreline & Outdoors

10% off marine product purchase & trailers
307 Convenience Lane SW, Bemidji
lepiershoreline.com

McKenzie's

10% off regular price merchandise
(Excludes consignment vendor items.
See store for details)
802 Paul Bunyan Dr S, Bemidji
mckenzieplacebemidji.com

Midnight Sun Pools n' Spas

10% off chemicals
3411 Hannah Ave NW, Bemidji
mnspas.com

MJB Home Center

Free hoses or cords with purchase of new
washer, dryer or range
418 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji
mjbhomecenter.com

Mommykins Creations

5% off total purchase
23654 398th St, Laporte
mommykinscreations.com

Northern Event Rentals

10% discount on any table or chair rental
3859 Cornflower Ct SE, Bemidji
northerneventrentals.com

Orton's Station Stores:

Bemidji Orton's, Cass Lake Orton's,
Walker Orton's, Walker Y-Mart
5¢ off per gallon of gasoline
ortonoilco.com

Papa Murphy's

\$3 off any pizza, any size
(not valid with other offers)
512 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
papamurphysbemidji.com

Pete's Place South

5¢ off per gallon of gasoline
179 Convenience Ln SW, Bemidji

Red Lake Fish Houses (Seasonal)

10% off Tuesdays and Wednesdays
35241 Hwy 72 NE, Northome
redlakefishhouses.com

Royal Shooks Motel

10% Discount Tuesdays and Wednesdays
35241 Hwy 72 NE, Northome
royalshooksmotel.com

Snap Fitness-Bemidji

10% of regular-price memberships
3835 Supreme Ct NW #1, Bemidji
snapfitness.com/us/gyms/bemidji-mn

SND Appliances

2% off purchase
3481 Laurel Dr NW, Bemidji
bemidjisnd.com

Stittsworth Meats

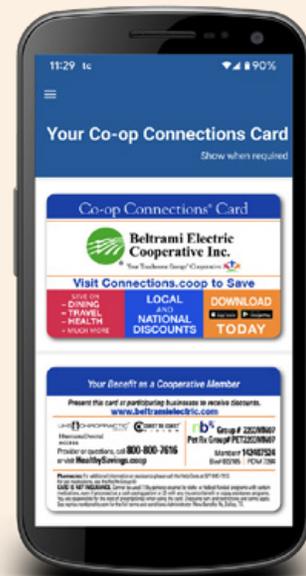
5% off total order
722 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji
stittsworthmeats.com

Timberline Sports 'n' Convenience

Save 10% on select gun accessories with purchase
of a firearm
209 Summit Ave W, Blackduck
timberlinesportsmn.com

NOTE: All offers subject to change.

**Need a new card? Stop by or contact
our office at 218-444-2540.**



Ditch the card!

Visit: connections.coop to create a free account, then download the free Co-op Connections mobile app!

Classifieds

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the following dates:
 - **APRIL ISSUE:** Submit by March 3.
- Please submit ads here: beltramelectric.com/submit-ad.
- NO real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, **with no guarantee your ad will appear.**
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for **three consecutive months** and must be resubmitted each month.

For Sale:

AKC-registered lab puppies. Wonderful family and hunting dogs, blacks and yellows available in both sexes. Ready to go to their new homes in mid-March. Call 218-766-5457 for appointment.

Lincoln flux wire welder. Like new condition. \$500/obo. 218-766-4595.

Ninja Foodi 6.5 qt. versatile non-stick, dishwasher safe. Features capabilities for slow cooking, sear/sauté, pressure cooking, air frying and baking. Prepares meals for 3-6 people, used three times. \$95. New cordless handheld rechargeable vacuum with upholstery and 2-in-1 tools. Indispensable and handy for kitchen, car and baseboard cleaning \$49. 320-583-0471.

Display/organize with clear acrylic brochure/literature holders – works with slat wall or direct wall mount. Various sizes: 8½"W x 11"H, 4½"W x 8½"H, and 2-pocket displays for trifold literature. NEW in box, selling for less than ½ price – only \$2 each. Call 218-444-3689.

Kohler NIB Bevin R43210-VS pulldown 1 or 3 hole stainless kitchen faucet \$75; Samsung SKK-7A stacking kit NIB. Fits 27-inch front load \$20; 6-foot 4-prong NIB 30 electric dryer cord \$10; Fluffy gray 44" unused dog bed \$10; barely used 23"H x 14"D x 20"W blue carpeted cat tower \$10. 218-368-9012.

Scooter w/cushion for after surgery, new \$175, will sell

for \$95. Schmidt beer scenic can lamps: elk, deer, \$25. 218-760-3298.

New 8x10 white insulated garage door with all of the hardware. Brand new, never used, still wrapped up. \$900. 307-690-5614.

Homemade quilts: Block, Crazy, Star. Twin, \$50; Full, \$60; Queen, \$80; King, \$90. Lap, baby quilts, \$30. 218-243-2702.

700 Remington custom 250-3000 Akley improved wildcat – new, \$1,500. 99 Savage-300 chambering, \$800. 99 Savage – 250-3000 chambering, \$750. TC rifle 67-walnut stock 30-30 and 45 cal. Muzzleloader BBLs, \$900. 8-ft patio door, brown metal clad with pine interior, \$1,000. Matching round top casement window, \$750. 218-556-2706.

Wanted:

Wired ribbon, 4- or 6-inch wide. Any color or Christmas/holiday themed. 218-556-2320, leave message.

I'm looking for anyone who has young/seedling-type white spruce growing on their land who would be willing to let me come and dig some up with a hand shovel as transplants. Call or text Matt at 218-368-0737.

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

Energy assistance may be available!

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps income-qualified households pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (*Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the most recent month of income.*)

BI-CAP IN BEMIDJI
6603 Bemidji Ave N
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-751-4631

BI-CAP IN WALKER
8245 Industrial Park Rd NW
Walker, MN 56484
218-547-3438

KOOTASCA
201 4th Street NW, Suite 130
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0824

LEECH LAKE
115 6th St
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3783

MAHUBE-OTWA
120 North Central Ave
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-847-1385

RED LAKE
15809 High School Dr
Red Lake, MN 56671
218-679-3350



View EAP income guidelines and APPLY ONLINE.

MARCH READER'S CONTEST

For your chance to be entered in a drawing to **win a \$10 credit** on your bill, correctly answer the questions and include with your payment or mail to: BEC, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619. Or email answers to info@beltramelectric.com with the subject line "Reader's Contest." Be sure to include your name and BEC account number. **Entries must be received by March 25.**

1. The average amount a member will contribute annually to Operation Round Up is \$_____.
2. Beltrami Electric's Indoor Garage Sale is planned for May ____, 2026.
3. Minnkota Power Cooperative is a _____ & _____ co-op.

Member Name:	BEC Account Number:	Email address:

Congratulations to our Jan. contest winner: Janelle Slough

WE ARE LOOKING

FOR YOU!

Beltrami Electric Cooperative is looking for Austin N. Jones, (Redby, Minn.). Please call **218-444-2540** if you have any information.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric's board conducted a special meeting on **Friday, Jan. 9, 2026**. A quorum of directors was in attendance.

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations. Lineworkers Ryan Rogers, Travis Voelkner and Landon Yerbich were acknowledged for their participation in the rescue of a young child.
 - President and CEO Echternach presented proposed revisions to rates.
 - President and CEO Echternach presented the 2026 Budget.
- The following actions were taken:**
- Approved the consent agenda.
 - Approved the 2026 budget.
 - Approved the 2026 rate revisions.

Beltrami Electric's board conducted its regular monthly meeting on **Friday, Jan. 30, 2026**. A quorum of directors was in attendance.

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations.
 - President and CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including Minnesota's Paid Family Leave, recap of 2025, MISO, financials, legislative priorities, proposed City of Bemidji franchise ordinance, large loads, interconnections and the geomagnetic storm.
 - Arlene Hogquist presented December's preliminary financial report.
 - Bob Gregg reviewed the annual net metering and cogeneration report and associated filings.
 - President and CEO Echternach presented the succession plan.
 - President and CEO Echternach and directors discussed upcoming meetings, events and education conferences.
 - Minnesota Senator Paul Utke gave a legislative update.
- The following actions were taken:**
- Approved the annual net metering and cogeneration report, associated filings and rates.
 - Approved the proposed changes to BEC Policy 308.
 - Set the 2026 Annual Meeting for Aug. 12, 2026, at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds.
 - Appointed all nine directors as the Minnkota and Square Butte annual meeting voting delegates.
 - Approved director and president and CEO expenses.
- The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2026.**

NOTICE TO COGENERATORS



In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Beltrami Electric Cooperative has adopted rules relating to cogeneration and

small power production. Beltrami Electric Cooperative is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Beltrami Electric Cooperative is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rate and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility.

Any dispute over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Board. Interested members should contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 4111 Technology Dr. NW, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56601, or call 218-444-2540.



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AUCTIONS

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC
— Bemidji, MN —

SELLING NO RESERVE MARCH 17



DW4994 '90 John Deere 550G dozer



DW4497 '17 RAM 5500HD bucket truck



DW4496 '99 Bobcat 863 skid steer



DW4495 '08 Case 580 Super M backhoe



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ATTENTION VENDORS: BEC INDOOR GARAGE SALE BOOTH RESERVATIONS OPEN MARCH 19!

- Are you ready for spring cleaning? Sign up for a booth (or two) at Beltrami Electric Cooperative's Indoor Garage Sale and get access to more than 1,500 bargain hunters!
- Booth rental fees and a \$1 entry fee at the door the day of the sale go to benefit the United Way of Bemidji Area.



If you are interested in a spot in our 2026 Indoor Garage Sale, stop by our office at 4111 Technology Dr. NW in Bemidji and sign up, or contact Cammie at 218-444-3675 or cvogel@beltramielectric.com.

**2026 BEC
Indoor Garage Sale:
Saturday, May 2,
8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



BELTRAMI ELECTRIC
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MN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Find service territories for electrical inspectors here: <https://workplace.doli.state.mn.us/jurisdiction/>

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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires a 48-hour notification so that buried telephone lines, TV cable, pipelines, and utility electric lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide excellent value to our members through the safe delivery of reliable electric service, excellent member service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Connecting Communities. Powering Life.

I HIT A POWER LINE. NOW WHAT?

What you do in the moments after contacting a power line or pole could be the difference between walking away safely and sustaining a life-threatening injury. Even if it's not clear that power is flowing through the metal of your car or the ground beneath you, you should always assume both are energized.

IF YOU HIT A POWER LINE OR POLE, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1 Stay inside the vehicle

2 Call 9-1-1

3 Wait for responders to confirm it is safe to exit

IF THERE IS SMOKE OR FIRE YOU MUST EXIT:



Cross your arms across your chest



With your feet together, jump out of the vehicle (don't touch the ground and vehicle at the same time)



Shuffle or bunny hop far away (feet always together)



See these safety tips in action by scanning the code with your phone or visiting WATCHTHEWIRES.COM.