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**Beltrami Electric
Cooperative Inc.**

® Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Help us decorate the mitten tree!

Drop off items at Cooperative Headquarters by Wednesday, Dec. 5

With the holiday season approaching fast, it's once again time to decorate Beltrami Electric's annual mitten tree! For the 18th consecutive holiday season, we will be accepting donations of **NEW AND HOMEMADE** mittens, gloves, hats or scarves for distribution to **children in the area Head Start programs**.

Since the program's inception in 2000, Beltrami Electric has collected and distributed more than 7,900 items to children in our area!

Donations can be delivered to the Beltrami Electric office at 4111 Technology Dr. NW in Bemidji. Donations will be accepted until **Wednesday, Dec. 5**, and will be distributed very soon after.

*If you'd like to help keep our area children warm and cozy this winter,
please consider joining BEC in collecting these items.*

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These are the inspectors covering the area served by Beltrami Electric. They can be reached by phone Monday through Friday between 7 and 8:30 a.m. or by fax or email as indicated.

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1-800-252-1166 or 811

www.gopherstateonecall.org

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 the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone lines, television cables, pipelines, utility electrical lines, and municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

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Co-ops Vote ... see you at the polls!

Jared Echternach, CEO

Our co-op's number one priority is to provide our members with safe and reliable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That may seem far removed from our core mission, but it's absolutely essential to serving you, our members.

That's why we're participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote.

Co-ops Vote encourages all co-op members to participate in national, state and local elections while educating political candidates and elected officials about the important role

nonpartisan get-out-the-vote initiative that helped drive rural voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

Through this program, electric co-ops realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show concern for community – one of the seven cooperative principles – through participation in our democracy.

Co-ops have another advantage. Elected officials and decision-makers across the political spectrum trust us because of the work the electric cooperative family has put into political engagement. When we all get involved, we can make things happen politically and in our local communities.

Our participation in Co-ops Vote helps to ensure that rural issues remain part of the national discussion – and are supported by our elected officials. But Co-ops Vote isn't just for co-ops. It's for co-op members just like you.

You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on Nov. 6. If you're interested in getting more involved, just give us a call or visit www.vote.coop to learn more about the upcoming elections and access online tools that can help you participate. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day!



played by electric cooperatives in their communities.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the service organization representing the nation's electric co-ops, launched Co-ops Vote in 2016. Co-ops Vote started as a national

MEMBER PRIVACY - RED FLAGS RULE

As many as nine million Americans have their identities stolen each year. As a result of that startling statistic, the Federal Trade Commission has developed a regulation called the "Red Flags Rule." The Red Flags Rule requires businesses to develop a program to detect, prevent and minimize the damage that could result from identity theft.

The data privacy of our members is important to us, and as a Beltrami Electric member, you may be asked to provide additional information and identification when you make inquiries on your account, such as verifying the last four digits of your social security number.

A member may complete an Authorized Contact Agreement form to allow us to give account information to others you want to have access to your account. This permits an Authorized Contact to make inquiries on the account to which they are authorized. The Authorized Contact must provide their name, date of birth and the last four digits of their social security number in order to receive account information. While these practices may seem intrusive, please understand that these procedures are in place to protect your member data and prevent the occurrence of identity theft.



Operation Round Up® helps local programs



The Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up® met Oct. 17 to review 26 applications, which it received requesting funding for various local programs. The total amount requested this quarter was more than \$51,000. The board had about \$22,626 to work with, so it was not an easy task selecting which groups would get funding and what amount they would receive.

Many local programs and organizations benefit from Operation Round Up, a charitable program designed to give members a means of working together to use our small change to make a big impact in our local communities. Together we are doing some wonderful things for our local communities.

About 80 percent of Beltrami Electric's members participate in Operation Round Up. To date, Operation Round Up has received grant requests indicating a need of more than \$503,437 and has awarded grants to 215 different community projects totaling \$224,534.

The average amount a member will pay is 50 cents a month or \$6 a year, while the maximum annual contribution possible is \$11.88 per year. Contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible and will be shown on your billing statement. Participation is voluntary and members may opt out at any time by contacting our office. Members can also make an additional contribution and may contact our office to do so.

The following organizations were awarded Operation Round Up grants in October:

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
All-Pro Dads	Dad's Day Breakfast	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative	Early childhood mental health interventions	\$ 600
Bemidji Symphony Orchestra	Children's Concert - March 29, 2019	\$ 1,000
Bi-County Community Action Program (Bi-CAP)	Reach Out for Warmth	\$ 1,000
Bi-County Community Action Program (Bi-CAP)	Window insulator kits	\$ 1,000
Bi-County Community Action Program (Bi-CAP)	YouthBuild	\$ 1,000
Birchmound Community Center	Painting inside community center	\$ 600
Blackduck Area Seniors	Quarterly newsletter	\$ 500
Blackduck Area Toys for Kids	Toys, hats, mittens for needy children at Christmas	\$ 1,000
Blackduck High School	Live streaming video equipment - Phase 2	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Public School	Baseball/softball field improvement	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Woodcarvers & Arts Festival	Music for Annual Blackduck Woodcarvers & Arts Festival	\$ 1,000
Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	Educational incentives - PowerPoints for Participation	\$ 1,500
Churches United	Meeting emergency needs in Beltrami County	\$ 2,000
Civil Air Patrol, Northland Composite Squadron	Cadet training	\$ 350
Headwaters School of Music & Arts	Headwaters Community Chorus	\$ 1,000
Hope Lutheran Church	Christmas and summer food boxes	\$ 1,000
Laporte School	Purple Café	\$ 191
Laporte School	First to Read/First Book	\$ 750
Leech Lake Behavioral Health	Physical Health for Mental Health Well-being	\$ 460
Northern Artist Association/Gallery North	Warm Your Heart with a Little Art - 2019	\$ 500
Northome Koochiching County Fair	Grandstand bleachers	\$ 700
Peoples Church, ELCA	Accessible bathroom in church building	\$ 1,000
Pet Fixers: Spay-Neuter Assistance Program	November clinic	\$ 500
Ruby's Pantry - Laporte	Additional tables and storage trailer	\$ 1,500
Watermark Art Center	Watermark Art Center studio art	\$ 475



Thank you, Beltrami Electric Cooperative members!

The Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up® is made up of five directors appointed by Beltrami Electric's board members. The directors volunteer their time and do not receive compensation for serving on the Board of Directors of the Trust. They meet quarterly to review applications for grants and disburse funds.

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TRUST BOARD FOR OPERATION ROUND UP: Seated: Lea Perkins, Michelle Sand. Standing: Sharon Lembke, Randy Frisk and Sherry Billups.

Load management programs

Load management, commonly referred to as “ripple” or “off-peak,” is a program developed by Minnkota Power Cooperative, our wholesale power provider, which allows specific loads to be turned off during periods of peak electrical demand. This allows members to reduce the cost of their electric heating by reducing electrical demand expense. An off-peak electric heating system consists of an electric heat source as its main component and a supplemental heating source that will typically operate 100-300 hours per year during times of peak electrical demand in the region. A reliable backup heating system is essential and required to participate in the program.

How does it work?

During times when electric demand is greater than the current power supply, Minnkota Power Cooperative sends a signal over the power line, which is received by the ripple control device in the member's home or business. The ripple control device automatically turns off the electric heating system and will activate an automated backup system at the start of the peak control period. The process is reversed when the peak time is over. Other optional equipment, such as water heaters or dryers, can be connected to the off-peak program and receive the reduced rate and may qualify for a rebate.

Can off-peak reduce my heating costs?

Yes! The off-peak program offers a lower electric heating rate that is about 40-50 percent below the regular service rate, making electricity one of the most stable and cost-effective energy sources available. With the off-peak rate, electricity is very competitive with other heating fuels such as propane or fuel oil. And the off-peak rate really looks good during times when fossil fuel prices rise dramatically.

Standard Water Heating/ Clothes Dryers

Load control: Can be controlled for four hours at a time and up to eight hours per day

Rebates only available for newly installed equipment connected to the off-peak/load control program.

- \$100 rebate for 55 gallon or less connected to load control program
- Clothes dryers are an optional load. Contact our energy services department for more information.

Dual-Fuel Heating

Load control: Can be controlled for extended periods, so backup heating system must be able to fully meet heating needs during control times

Rebates only available for newly installed equipment connected to the load control program.

- Plenum heaters
 - \$500 PowerSavers rebate if installed with an air-source heat pump and has modulating control
 - \$20 per kW Powerful Value rebate
- Air-source heat pumps
 - \$300-\$500 per ton rebate – some restrictions apply. Contact our energy services department for details.

Storage Water Heating

Load control: Daily cycled from 7 a.m. - noon / 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Rebates only available for newly installed equipment connected to the daily-cycled storage load control program.

- \$400 rebate for 56-99 gallon
- \$550 rebate for 100 gallon or greater
- \$100 bonus rebate if installed with new building construction
- \$250 bonus rebate if converting from natural gas or propane water heating

Storage Heating

Load control: Daily cycled from 7 a.m. - noon / 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Rebates only available for newly installed equipment connected to the daily-cycled storage load control program.

- Electric thermal storage heaters/Storage slab heat
 - \$500 PowerSavers rebate if installed with an air-source heat pump and has modulating control
 - \$50 per kW rebate

Save money with **off-peak heating**

With the options and savings provided by off-peak electric heating, you'll find that comfort and affordability go hand in hand. To learn more about the heating equipment eligible for BEC's off-peak program below, call **218-444-3622** and speak with our energy services department and find out how off-peak can fit your needs.

4 Heating Options TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A NEW OR RETROFIT HEATING SYSTEM

Plenum heater

An electric plenum heater is one of the most common off-peak electric heating systems available today and can easily adapt to an existing propane, natural gas or fuel oil furnace into a dual-fuel system. The plenum heater typically sits on top of your fossil fuel furnace and uses your existing furnace fan to move air across the plenum heater elements to heat your home. Both your furnace and the electric plenum heater utilize the same thermostat and ductwork. Electric plenum heaters can be installed in conjunction with an air-source heat pump.



Thermal storage heat

An electric thermal storage heater is a stand-alone off-peak heating system that eliminates the need for a backup fossil fuel heating system when sized properly. The system contains electric heating elements that lie within specially designed, high-density ceramic bricks. These bricks are capable of storing vast amounts of heat for extended periods of time. The stored heat is automatically regulated in relation to outdoor temperature and the heating requirements of the user. When the room thermostat calls for heat, heat is extracted from the unit's storage core and is distributed into the home.



Air-source heat pump

Standard air-source heat pumps serve as a heater by absorbing heat from outdoor air and pumping it indoors. The heat pump also serves as an air conditioner by absorbing heat from indoor air and pumping it outdoors. When properly installed, an air-source heat pump can deliver one-and-a-half to three times more heat energy to a home than the electrical energy it consumes, because a heat pump moves heat rather than converting it from a fuel. Heat pumps are a popular choice due to their comfort and low-cost operation. When selecting a new heat pump, it's important to determine the proper size needed for your home. Bigger is not always better. We encourage you to work with your heating contractor to select a properly sized heat pump, which will be more efficient and provide better comfort and humidity control than one that is sized inappropriately for your home.



Mini-split heat pump

Mini-split heat pumps are an option for cooling and also for supplemental heat in a home or office that does not have central ductwork. They work similarly to air-source heat pumps, with the ability to heat or cool. In heating mode, a mini-split heat pump extracts heat from outdoor air and transfers heat into the home or office. In cooling mode, it does this in a reverse cycle, extracting heat from within the structure and transferring it outdoors. Mini-splits can provide high flexibility in interior design options. Among these options are ceiling-suspended, floor-standing and wall-hanging units. These devices, which are typically composed of an outdoor compressor unit and an indoor heat exchanger coil-air handling unit, are easy to install.



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CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - o Ads submitted by Nov. 5 will be published in the December issue.
 - o Ads submitted between Nov. 6 and Dec. 5 will be published in the January issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com (preferred).
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- 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.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.

For Sale:

Hospital bed w/power pressure air mattress, \$700. Two wood TV stands, curio cabinet, 6-person canvas tent, small glass-top table with alabaster base, push wheel chair with foot rests, black framed mirror (34x22), 556-7001. Leave message.

Goats for sale: 1 Buck \$75, 2 Milking Does \$100 each, 4 Bucklings \$60, and 1 Doeling \$70. All friendly goats. 224-3349.

Lightly used pellet stove for sale. It is a special order Enviro Maxx-1 that heats up to 2,700 square feet. It has a BTU rating of 70,000 and a nice size 130-lb hopper. Unit dimensions: 27x31x42. Originally bought in 2014 for over \$3,300. Selling for \$1,975/obo. Also included for free is a Power Smith ash vac and 320 lbs of hardwood pellets.

Diamond "Nuclear Ice" youth bow, three-pin fiber-optic sight, 4-arrow slotted quiver, three arrows, PLANO hard case, \$300. Vintage Kodak XL33 movie camera, Kodak Ektar 9 mm f/1.2 lens, original box, 24-pg instruction manual, neck strap, \$35. Three children's ITECH hockey

helmets/ITECH RBE III Junior face protectors, \$30/set. All excellent condition, 368-4834.

Complete set of HUMMEL Christmas collector plates 1971-1994. Most have boxes and many have certificates of authenticity. Original prices over \$50 each - asking \$8 each for a total of \$192 for 24 plates. 586-2994 - please leave message with phone number.

Telephone bench \$30, student roll top desk \$50, large wood box \$25. All in great condition. Call Mike 759-4734.

Antique oak buffet. 4' 2" high (includes mirror) x 3' 10" long x 21" deep. \$175. 854-7384.

2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude, four wheel drive (4x4), 96,000 miles. Aluminum wheels, heated mirrors, roof rails, keyless entry, heated seats, U-Connect 430 CD/DVD/MP3/HDD, 40 GB HD, U-Connect Voice Command with Bluetooth. Hate to sell, but needed a bigger vehicle! Winter is coming. Bring it on in a Jeep! \$11,800. 586-2686.

Tires - 4 new Continental 235/50 R18 Pro-Contact TX. All season radial. Locally priced at \$183. Will sell for \$100 each or \$325 for all four/obo. 766-6253.

Craftsman riding lawn mower. Runs well, but will not go into gear. Make offer, call Don 586-2776.

Two (2) Honda 2000w Companion generators. Used one season. Both in very good condition. Sold travel trailer and no longer in need of these. Price firm at \$750 each. Call 444-8032.

One very large black bear rug, also large brown phase black bear rug, lot of claws missing due to pet dog, still nice for floor or wall. Best offer. Also bear claws and some teeth for sale. 766-1652.

4,000-lb. bunk style electric aluminum pontoon lift. 120" wide. \$2,800. 701-740-2601.

John Deere 48-inch mower with bagger attachment and 44-inch snowblower, \$1,150. Call Mike at 214-3434.

Toro single-stage 5 hp snowblower. Manual start. Runs good. \$125. 766-7052.

Cub Cadet tiller, 48-inch, 540 PTO, \$500. 444-7308.

AKC registered Labrador puppies. We have multiple puppies to choose from available in different colors and sexes. They come with a folder full of their documentation. They are well socialized. For more information text or call 244-7605.

SKINZIT electric fish Skinner, \$149 new. Only used once, asking \$95. 444-7047.

Papasan chair and ottoman: green cushions, perfect condition; \$100. La-Z-Boy rocker recliner; \$40. Medicine cabinet, Tri-view 6-light 42x37 1/2 Golden Oak; \$100. Cookbooks, Quick Cooking 1999-2001, Pillsbury 2006-

2010, Taste of Home 1999-2012 and Contest Winning 2004-2010. Call 556-8698. Leave message if needed.

Screen version of Seal-A-Door - adjustable, removable screen door, 41" wide. Professional, made by Seal Canvas Products in Nisswa, Minn. \$100. 835-7719.

Remington Model 4, 30:06 Burris Fullfield 3x9x40 scope \$575. Remington Model 7400 Synthetic 30:06 Burris 3x9x40 Scope \$525. Browning B2000 12-gauge Steel Special. \$425. 766-2730.

Two Mr. Beer making kits and one larger beer making keg, 40+ bottles for making beer also. \$50. 647-8256.

Quick-detach Farmhand F 238 loader in good shape, large 8-ft bucket, bale forks. Make offer. Glencoe spring tooth, 7-ft and 13-ft. 2-bottom plow and 3-bottom plow. 243-2670, leave message.

1998 Arctic Cat Panther 440, 3,400 miles, electric start, reverse, new Hylac glides, recent tune up, cover, track stand, excellent condition \$1,000. Walker 547-1503.

New leather sandles: size 6 - 10. Clark, Born, Sofft, Naturalizer. Leather Stone Mountain purses, like new, used only few times. Coach purse (\$30). Phone 368-4973 if no answer leave message.

Used GE white electric kitchen range. \$100/obo. 547-4574.

Inversion table \$95. Large leather chair and ottoman, tan, \$100. 4 black spoke wheels 15x10 inches wide, 5 hole fits Ford, Jeep or Dodge, \$120. Two (2) new 185/60 R 14 tires, \$50 for the pair. Homelite chainsaw, 20-inch bar, runs good, \$60. 766-0915.

Stained glass supplies: Two grinders with 3 diamond bits. Tools for marking, cutting, foiling and other assorted tools. Many patterns and magazines. A lot of colored and decorated glass, plus several containers of small pieces of glass. \$400 FIRM. 586-2436. Leave message.

2012 Crest Caribbean Pontoon 230 with 90 hp Mercury 4-stroke motor, 8'6"x23'10", with 26" pontoons. Boat/motor has less than 30 hours. 14-person capacity, bimini top, full cover, premium audio system, GPS chip capable fish locator, lighted cup holders, changing room, swim ladder. Original owner, stored inside and on covered lift. This boat is built for big water, currently used on Leech Lake. \$26,000 firm, 612-868-3807.

LT 245/75R16, like new. \$30. 647-8479.

2009 Dodge Caliber, red, 101,067 miles, very good condition, everything works, \$4,500. 250 Stihl chain saw, very good condition, \$110. 3/4 socket 1-11/16", \$8. 444-9650.

8 hp 2-stage snowblower, has been stored inside for several years. \$150. Call for details. 333-3770.

Mixed firewood. Cut, split and dried. \$55 standard pickup load. You haul. Kelliher area. 647-9003 or 320-256-7255.

4-5-6 inch Block, Crazy, Star quilts: Twin, \$35; Full, \$40; Queen, \$55; King, \$60. Sewing machines, \$15/ea. 243-2702.

BiPAP machine, \$50. CPap machine, \$50. Fire hydrant, \$35. 308-4025.

Hay for sale, \$2.50 per bale. Also, bunking or cover hay, \$2 per bale. Laporte area. 224-2523.

Vintage Ethan Allen harvest table with 6 thumbprint chairs, all solid maple. Table leaves down: 6-ft x 14 in., opens to 6-ft x 40 in. \$1,000 new, now \$500. Two (2) small portable fish house shelters. Metal computer/sewing table w/shelf, on wheels, \$40. 586-2884.

Straw bales, sm. sq. \$3 each. 751-0408, leave message.

1977 Arctic Cat Panther 500 CC, 2,229 miles, runs good, \$250. Cash only. 835-6247.

5" chrome oval bent tube steps for 2014 F150 Super Cab with new hardware. \$200. 368-2636.

Centurion Arms 30:06 bolt action rifle, Timney trigger, synthetic stock, sling and Swift 3x9 scope. \$350/obo. 556-7634.

24" Craftsman snowblower, electric start, 2-stage, like new, \$300. 21" MTD snowblower, electric start, single stage, \$150. 8" Eskimo ice auger, runs good, \$150. 255-5808.

3-burner Weber grill, made in the USA, including tank, good working condition, \$235. 751-7810, leave message if no answer.

Duroc/Chester white piglets for sale, \$30 each. Contact Mike at 252-3223. Phone calls only no texts.

CVA black powder rifle, 50 cal., Hunter Bolt, model PR4490 Magnum with all accessories from factory. NEW! Never fired. Extra accessories purchased, \$81 worth. All for \$275. Firm. 751-1229.

Wanted:

A retired handyman for small jobs around our place. 243-2313.

Wheelchair. 209-9749.

12.4/5 x 28" tractor tires, good condition. 647-8479.

I will pet sit at your house or mine, also do house checks while you are gone. Whether it is deer season or a trip south, I will help you! Call 766-6510. Please leave a message.

Portable heavy-duty wood splitter that would handle a 24-30" log. Please call 766-6207 leave message.

Free:

DOWNSIZING: Would like to find a home for HP Photosmart C5580 All-in-One printer/scanner/copier with stand, 2' w x 2' 3" tall. Like new. Call 556-0653.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including legislative issues affecting the electric industry and an employee update.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the financial report.
- Sam Mason gave a report on Northern Solar.
- CEO Echternach and Arlene Hogquist discussed the Key Ratio Trend Analysis.
- CEO Echternach congratulated Murl Nord on completion of the Board Leadership Program and presented him with a certificate.
- Directors and the CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and educational conferences.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved a change to the November and December regular board meeting dates.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

Source: energy.gov



Celebrate with savings!

Buy energy efficient Christmas lights and decorations

LED Rebate

How to apply:

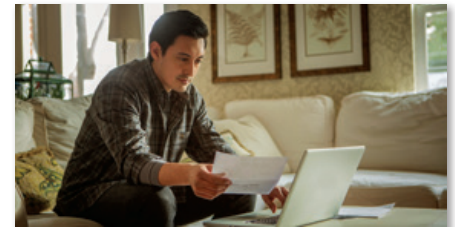
1. Purchase LED Christmas plug-in (not battery operated) lights and decorations in 2018.
2. Complete this rebate form and submit it to Beltrami Electric Cooperative by Dec. 31, 2018, with a copy of your sales receipt and the packaging showing the number of lights per string. ENERGY STAR® LEDs recommended.
3. Select appropriate rebate in the box below. **Rebate cannot exceed 50 percent of cost.** Maximum of 5 strings per member.

NOTE: Rebate will be applied as a credit to member's account. NO checks will be issued.

Name _____ City/Zip _____
 Account # _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____

Number of Strings	Rebate per String	Total Rebate
Less than 99 lights	\$3	
100-199 lights	\$6	
200-299 lights	\$9	
Greater than 300 lights	\$12	

Mail to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative • P.O. Box 488 • Bemidji, MN 56619-0488



Need help paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

Bi-CAP Energy Assistance

6603 Bemidji Ave N
 Bemidji, MN 56601
 218-751-4631

Mahube Energy Assistance

120 North Central Ave
 Park Rapids, MN 56470
 218-732-7204

Leech Lake Energy Assistance

115 6th St NW, Suite E
 Cass Lake, MN 56633
 218-335-3783

Red Lake Energy Assistance

15533 Main Ave
 Red Lake, MN 56671
 218-679-1880

Kootasca Energy Assistance

201 NW 4th St., Suite 130
 Grand Rapids, MN 55744
 218-999-0800

Outage?

Use SmartHub.

It's the most efficient way to report power outages. It's quick, easy and goes straight into BEC's dispatch center. No more searching for your account number and phone number to call in. Using the app, you can report it in a snap. Download the app at www.beltramielcric.com or find it on Google Play or the App Store. Call BEC at 800-955-6083 if you need help signing up.

Beltrami Electric will be closed

Monday, Nov. 12,
in honor of Veterans Day

– and –

Thursday, Nov. 22,
as we celebrate Thanksgiving.



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SAFE DECOR FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

It's almost time to deck those halls! Statistics show that home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months, so keep these holiday lighting tips in mind for a safe holiday season.

Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.



Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.



Never mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.



Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's insulation.



Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.



Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.



Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International



IS YOUR DUAL-FUEL HEATING SYSTEM READY FOR WINTER?

If you have a dual-fuel heating system, which is an electric heating system with a fossil fuel backup such as fuel oil or propane, now is the time to be sure your backup heating system is prepared and that you have adequate fuel supply. Remember to check your backup propane or fuel oil tank levels now and periodically throughout the heating season. It is important to always have adequate fuel reserves so your backup heating system runs during times when off-peak electric heating systems are being controlled. Members with off-peak heating equipment can see the current control status three ways:



- 1: Go to www.beltramielctric.com and click on the **Load Management Status** button on our home page
- 2: Call the cooperative at **444-2540** or **800-955-6083**
- 3: Check out PBTv channel 301

Members who would like the Load Group and DO numbers for the equipment at their location to reference on the Load Management graph should contact the cooperative. We will be happy to help you!

BEWARE OF UTILITY SCAMS



Beltrami Electric Cooperative reminds members to beware of any suspicious phone calls demanding credit card or personal financial information. Beltrami Electric does not ask for this type of information over the phone. If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately and call Beltrami Electric at **444-2540** to verify your account status.

NEVER GIVE OUT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, CREDIT CARD OR BANKING INFORMATION TO ANYONE WHO CALLS, REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY CLAIM TO REPRESENT.