

## Prioritize Safety Year-Round

At South Central Indiana REMC, we recognize Electrical Safety Month every May, but we also know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From our co-op crews to you, the members we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or electrocuted due to electrical fires and accidents in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. But we know first-hand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

Safety is more than a catchphrase. At SCI REMC, our priority is safety. We are deeply focused on our teams' and our members' safety. Internally, safety is every team member's first priority, and we live by the understanding that a job is only done well if it is done safely. Additionally, we want to help keep you and all members of our community safe. That's why you'll see SCI REMC hosting safety demonstrations at community events and in schools throughout the year to demonstrate the dangers of electricity.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Here are a few practical electrical safety tips about using some electrical devices, tools, and appliances. **CONTINUED ON BACK**



**SCI REMC Board of Director Petitions  
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*Save the Date*

**SCI REMC Virtual Annual Meeting  
September 24, 2022**



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## Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard.

Power cords can become damaged or frayed from age, heavy use, or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.

**Avoid overloading circuits.** Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle—by having too many devices running on one circuit.

**Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home.** Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.

**Use extension cords properly. Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord.** If you “daisy chain” them together, it could lead to overheating, creating

a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Doing so also creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

## We encourage you to talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity.

Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors.

We are dedicated to maintaining high standards of safety, reliability, and efficiency. We strive to be forward-thinking, responsible and make decisions that best serve the Membership. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Visit [sciremc.com/safety](https://sciremc.com/safety) for additional electrical safety information or if you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or an upcoming community event.

# A QUICK GUIDE TO GENERATORS

With proper use and maintenance, generators provide great convenience during a power outage. Before you purchase a generator, determine your backup power needs to select the right size. Make a list of essential appliances and devices you'll want to power during an outage, then total the required wattage.

## Recreational Inverter

### Up to 2,000 watts

Lightweight, about 60 pounds

Quiet, easy to store

Power: fridge and a few smaller items (i.e. lamp, phone charger and home security system)

## Midsized Inverter

### Up to 3,500 watts

Weights up to 150 pounds

Power: fridge, laptop, five to 10 lights, phone charger, home security system and 10K BTU air conditioner

To contact an energy advisor with questions or to request to schedule an energy audit, visit [sciremc.com/energy-advisor](https://sciremc.com/energy-advisor).

## Portable Generators and Large Inverters

### Up to 7,500 watts

Weights about 300 pounds

Power: fridge, gas furnace, 10K BTU air conditioner, dishwasher, multiple lights, TV, laptop and more

Ability to connect to home's breaker panel

## Home Standby

### Up to 20,000 watts

Must be permanently installed; starts automatically during outage

Power: nearly all home appliances and electronics (simultaneously)

Can run indefinitely on natural gas or propane

Recommended if you frequently lose power.

