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CO-OP CURRENT



Prepare Yourself for Winter Storms

When winter temperatures drop and storms hit, it can be challenging to stay safe and warm. Winter storm severity varies depending on where you live, but nearly all of us are affected by extreme winter storms at some point. SCI REMC cares about your safety, and we want you to be prepared.

Heavy snow and ice can lead to downed power lines, leaving co-op members without power. During extremely low temperatures, this can be dangerous. During a power outage, our crews will continue to work as quickly and safely as possible to restore power, but there are a few things you can do to prepare yourself.

Stay Warm

Plan to use a safe alternate heating source, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove during a power outage. These are great options to keep you and your loved ones warm, but exercise caution when using, and never leave the heating source unattended. If you are using gasoline-, propane-, or natural gas-burning devices to stay warm, never use them indoors. Remember that fuel- and wood-burning sources of heat should always be properly ventilated. Always read the manufacturer's directions before using.

Stay Fed

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends having several days' supply of food that does not need to be cooked. Crackers, cereal, canned goods, and bread are good options. Five gallons of water per person should also be available in the event of an extended power outage.

Stay Safe

When an outage occurs, it may mean power lines are down. It is best not to travel during winter storms, but if you must go out, bring a survival kit along, and do not travel alone. If you encounter

downed lines, always assume they are live and dangerous. Stay as far away from the downed lines as possible, and report the situation by calling 911.

Winter weather can be unpredictable and dangerous, and planning ahead can often be the difference between life and death. SCI REMC is ready for what Mother Nature has in store, and we want you to be ready, too. For more winter safety tips, visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)'s page on winter weather.

What to Do If Your Electricity Is Off

Check the lights and appliances in other rooms. If you still have power in some areas, most likely a fuse has blown or a circuit breaker has opened—a warning of overloaded wiring or a defective appliance.

If you've confirmed that the outage isn't due to an issue at your location, please report it using one of the following methods:

- Online: Use our portal on our website by clicking "Report an Electric Outage" or "Electric Outage".
- Mobile app: Report it through the SCI REMC Connect app.
- Text or phone:
 - To report by text, register for TextPower at sciremc.com/textpower (one-time setup). Then, text "OUTAGE" to report, or text "STATUS" for specific updates on restoration to 765.505.7005.
 - To report by phone, call us at 765.342.3344 or 800.264.7362.
- You can also view updates on our live outage map.

More Information

Visit sciremc.com for more information and tips on being prepared for weather-related outages.


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John D. Rudd Memorial Scholarship

Now Accepting Applications!

Open to all SCI REMC members in Brown, Clay, Johnson, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, and Putnam counties, this scholarship encourages graduating high school seniors to further their education.

The John D. Rudd Memorial Scholarship, established in May 2005, was named for a former SCI REMC Operation RoundUp trustee who had a special interest in the arts, athletics, parks, and recreation.

The selection of recipients is based on academics, school activities, community activities, work experience, and essays.

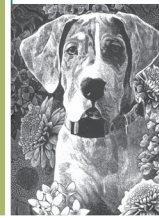
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