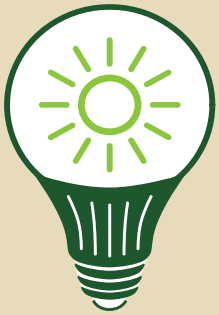
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Adjust your water heater settings to save energy. As cooler weather arrives, your water heater may be working harder to keep up with longer, hotter showers. Check its temperature setting and consider lowering it to 120˚F, which the U.S. Department of Energy recommends for most households. A lower temperature setting can reduce energy use while also helping prevent scalding. Always check the owner's manual before making adjustments. *Source: U.S. Department of Energy*

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WHEN THE STORM HITS HOME

When a winter storm knocks out your electricity, keeping your family safe and warm becomes the top priority. At Farmers Electric Cooperative, we want you to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature sends our way.

Ice, strong winds and heavy snow can damage power lines and equipment, sometimes causing extended outages. While our crews work to restore electricity as quickly and safely as possible, there are steps you can take to protect your family.

During an outage, keep exterior doors closed to retain heat. If your home becomes dangerously cold, consider staying with family, friends or at a designated warming center.

If using an alternative heating source, follow all safety instructions. Never use a gas oven, charcoal grill or outdoor heater to warm your home. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious danger.

Restoring power can take time, especially when roads are icy or snow-covered. We appreciate your patience as our crews work to get your lights back on.

At Farmers Electric, your safety always comes first!



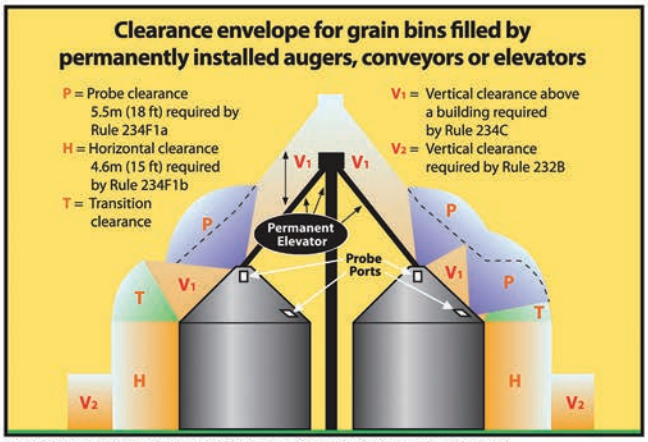
PLANNING TO BUILD A NEW GRAIN BIN?

If you're considering a new grain bin next spring, remember that it's important to first contact Farmers Electric Cooperative.

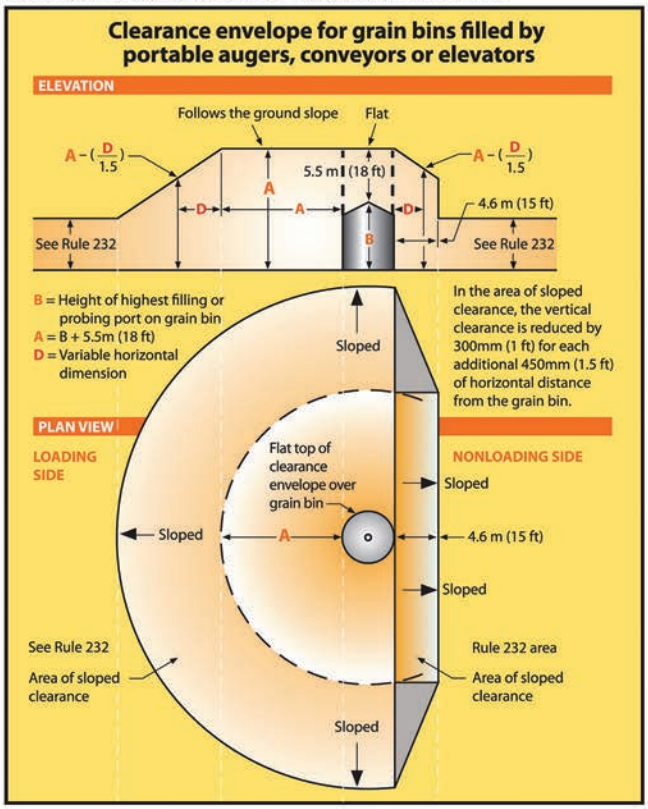
Your cooperative will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins. The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors and elevators.

The drawings on this page show the specific clearances required for both scenarios. If you have any questions, please call Farmers at (800) 397-4821.

According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 -- 25.2(3) b.: An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234F. This paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators and built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997.



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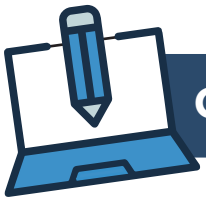


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(As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Commission.)

Farmers Electric Cooperative is required by the Iowa Utilities Commission to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning clearance regulations, please contact the cooperative.

Disclaimer: These drawings are provided as part of Iowa electric cooperatives' annual public information campaign and are based on the 2017 Edition of the National Electrical Safety Code. To view the actual drawings, refer to that publication. Every care has been taken for the correctness of the contents for these drawings. However, the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and its member cooperatives accept no liability whatsoever for omissions or errors, technical inaccuracies, typographical mistakes or damages of any kind arising from the use of the contents of these drawings, whether textual or graphical.



QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS?

The Iowa Utilities Commission requires all non-rate regulated utilities to post the following notice to its membership. If a member has a problem with his/her service, please call or write Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 330, Greenfield, IA 50849 or call (800) 397-4821.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety or engineering standards, or renewable energy and Farmers Electric does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Commission by calling (515) 725-7300, or toll-free (877) 565-4450; by writing to 1375 E. Court, Room 69, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069; or sending an email to customer@iuc.iowa.gov.

KEEP IN TOUCH... WITH US!

When was the last time you checked the contact information Farmers Electric Cooperative has on file for you? Keeping your mailing address, phone number and service address(es) up to date takes just a few minutes, but it can make a big difference.

One important reason is patronage capital. As a member-owner, you share in the cooperative's financial success. Under Cooperative Principle #3, Members' Economic Participation, margins not needed for operating expenses are allocated to members and may be returned through patronage capital distributions.

Unfortunately, every year, some of that money goes unclaimed because former members have moved or contact information is outdated. We don't want you to miss out on money that's rightfully yours!

Accurate contact information also helps us reach you about planned outages, service interruptions, billing questions and other important cooperative news.

Even if you've moved out of our service territory, it's important to keep your mailing address current. You may still be eligible for future patronage capital payments based on your previous membership.

Take a moment to check your information today. Contact the Farmers Electric Cooperative office to update your records and help ensure you receive the benefits of cooperative membership.

MORE THAN POWER, WE'RE FAMILY

November is a time to count our blessings — family, friends, good neighbors and the communities we're fortunate to call home. It's also a time to recognize those who give so much of themselves to others, especially our veterans and community volunteers.

At Farmers Electric Cooperative, we're thankful for the opportunity to serve you. Providing reliable electricity is our job, but being part of this community means so much more to us. We live here, raise our families here and care about the same things you do.

And as a member of Farmers Electric, you're more than a customer. You're an owner. That makes this cooperative something we can all take pride in.

One of the things I'm especially proud of is how we're able to give back. We've helped fund a new playground at Nodaway Valley Preschool, supported the Veterans Flagpole Initiative to honor those who served our country and invested in local students through scholarships and our Youth Tour program.



HOLI WESTON
CEO

These are more than donations or programs. They're investments in our neighbors, our children and the future of our communities.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope you'll take a moment to appreciate the people who make our communities special — the neighbor who lends a hand, the volunteer who shows up and the veteran who has given so much.

I'm grateful to be part of a cooperative where caring for one another is simply part of who we are. Thank you for being part of the Farmers Electric family and for making our communities such wonderful places to call home.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Stay alert for fraudulent utility calls! Scammers can spoof caller ID to make a phone call appear to come from Farmers Electric Cooperative — even when it doesn't.

These callers may threaten immediate disconnection, demand payment or ask for personal or financial information. Some create a sense of urgency, hoping you'll act before questioning whether the call is legitimate.

Don't rely on caller ID alone to verify who's calling. If something seems suspicious, hang up and contact Farmers Electric directly at (800) 397-4821 or (641) 743-6146.

We also encourage members to save our local number, (641) 743-6146, in their phones. Some mobile phones may mistakenly flag legitimate calls from our office as spam. By saving our number as a contact, you can help reduce the chance of missing an important call from your cooperative.

A little caution can go a long way toward protecting your personal information and keeping you connected with Farmers Electric.





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THANKSGIVING CASSEROLE

1/2 c. melted butter

1 pkg. stuffing mix

10.5 oz. can cream of mushroom soup

1/2 c. shredded parmesan cheese

1/2 c. sour cream

1/2 c. French onion dip

Dried cranberries, to taste

1 shredded rotisserie chicken

1 c. green beans, chopped

In mixing bowl, combine stuffing mix and melted butter and mix well. Add remaining ingredients until well combined. Transfer to a greased 9x12" baking dish and top with more parmesan cheese. Bake at 350˚ for 35-40 minutes.





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CROCKPOT HONEY GLAZED HAM

9-10 lb. fully cooked smoked ham, spiral sliced

1 1/2 c. brown sugar, divided

1 c. honey, or as desired

1-2 c. pineapple chunks, optional

Lightly grease bottom and side of crockpot with cooking spray to prevent sticking. Spread 1 c. brown sugar evenly across the bottom. Lay ham on its side inside the crockpot so it fits comfortably. Gently separate spiral slices so glaze can seep in between layers. Slowly drizzle honey over ham, making sure to pour some between the slices. Sprinkle remaining brown sugar over top of ham. Gently rub honey and sugar into ham layers and along the surface.

Optional: if using pineapple, tuck the chunks between the slices as well as in the bottom of the crockpot. Cover and cook on HIGH for 5 hours, or until ham is heated through (140˚F). Carefully transfer ham to a serving platter and spoon any extra glaze over the top before slicing and serving.

CALL FOR RECIPES

Each month, Farmers Electric invites readers and members to submit their favorite recipe for publication in this newsletter and a chance to get $5 off their next electric bill.

To enter, mail your recipe with your bill to: Farmers Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 330, Greenfield, IA 50849; or email it to: HWeston@farmersrec.com.

DECEMBER: Holiday Treats

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ABOUT US

Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative, governed by an elected Board of Directors. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The mission of Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., is to deliver safe, reliable, affordable electricity and other services to improve the quality of life within our communities.

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