

POWERLINE May 2010

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Incentives for Energy Efficient Upgrades

Illinois electric cooperatives announce HomeE program

Illinois electric cooperatives, including Corn Belt Energy, have received \$1.5 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds through the Illinois State Energy plan. With this funding, cooperatives plan to administer a residential energy efficiency program called HomeE.

The HomeE program involves a refundable \$25 home energy evaluation provided by Corn Belt Energy personnel. Based upon this energy evaluation, residential members are then eligible for a series of rebates for making energy efficiency improvements to their homes. If a member claims a rebate, the \$25 evaluation fee is refunded.

The maximum rebate per household is \$1,500. Rebate funds will be provided to qualifying members who participate in the program and complete the efficiency improvements. Only residential Corn Belt Energy members who have had the energy evaluation

are eligible for these rebates. For existing homes only. These rebates may be combined with other federal and state rebates and incentives.

To request a home energy evaluation, contact Justin Stuva, Corn Belt's Energy Advisor, at 800-879-0339 x235 or justin.stuva@cornbeltenergy.com.

Visit www.cornbeltenergy.com for updates on this program and other energy efficiency incentives that may be available to you.

Product Type	Required Efficiency Level	Rebate
Geothermal closed loop, water-to-air	14.1 EER 3.3 COP	30% rebate up to \$1,500
Geothermal closed loop, water-to-water	15.1 EER 3.0 COP	30% rebate up to \$1,500
Air Source Heat Pump	≥SEER 16	30% rebate up to \$1,500
Central Air Conditioning	≥SEER 16	\$350
Natural Gas or Propane Furnace	AFUE ≥ 95%	\$350
Electric Heat Pump Water Heater	ENERGY STAR qualified	\$250
Insulation materials	N/A	30% of material costs, up to \$500

ADDITIONAL REBATES

Heat Pump Rebates

Corn Belt Energy is offering an incentive to residential members for upgrading to a new, more efficient electric air source or ground source heat pump heating and cooling system.

The rebate is \$150/ton for geothermal and \$125/ton for air source up to 10 tons total. Learn more at www.cornbeltenergy.com under Energy Efficiency Programs.

Clothes Washer Rebates

Corn Belt Energy members with electric water heaters may qualify for a \$50 rebate when they purchase an ENERGY STAR clothes washer after April 15. Learn more at www.cornbeltenergy.com under Energy Efficiency Programs.

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2010 Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010 | Central Catholic High School in Bloomington

Join us at Central Catholic High School on Airport Road in Bloomington for our 72nd Annual Meeting of members!

If Corn Belt Energy supplies your electricity or natural gas, you're a member and invited to attend.

Schedule of Events:

Noon - 3:00 PM: Member registration; Co-op Connections business booths

Noon - 2:30 PM: Lunch is served

Noon - 4:30 PM: Activities for kids (face painting, bucket truck rides, bouncy houses, and more!)

3:00 - 4:00 PM: Announce grand prize winner; Conduct business meeting

4:00 - 4:30 PM: Entertainment provided by the Sound of Illinois Chorus



Attend our business meeting at 3:00 PM for your chance to win a high-definition LCD television with built-in DVD player!

You could also win one of several other door prizes, including credits toward your Corn Belt account.

Bring the whole family and join us for lunch, great entertainment, and an opportunity to win great prizes. We'll mail out our Annual Report/Official Notice booklet in mid-May with more details!



» NEW TIME, NEW PLACE!

RESERVATION FORM

To RSVP for your complimentary lunch, please do one of the following by Monday, June 7:

1. Complete this form and mail it to us at: Corn Belt Energy | 1 Energy Way | Bloomington, IL 61705
2. Fax this completed form to us at 309-663-4516
3. Send your information to us via e-mail at cbec@cornbeltenergy.com

Number of adults and children dining with us for lunch: _____

Member Name(s) _____

Corn Belt Account # _____

Phone # _____

City _____

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Updated Line Extension Policy

Corn Belt has adopted a new line extension/new service policy which went into effect on April 1. You can download the policy details on our website under New Service Guidelines. A summary of changes includes:

Line Extensions

Cost of any new Corn Belt facilities providing service are the member's responsibility. Corn Belt allows a \$4,400 credit for a residential "standard line extension" when service is not within a subdivision.

Temporary Service Charge: \$150

Temporary service meter base must be both set and paid before energizing.

Temporary Service: \$800

Charge is for installing up to a 25 KVA XFMR and service, and eventual removal.

Permanent Residential Overhead Service

Corn Belt will provide standard length overhead service, up to \$600, at no cost to the member. Additional charges apply for extra length or capacity.

Meter pole installation: \$460

Permanent Residential Underground Service

200 Amp:

NOT in conduit: 50' Free | \$12/ft beyond 50'
IN conduit: 120' Free | \$5/ft beyond 120' * ^

400 Amp: (members with electric heat)

NOT in conduit:

50' Free | \$75 + \$14/ft beyond 50'
IN conduit: 120' Free | \$7/ft beyond 120' * ^

Underground service can be provided in an overhead area by member paying a \$600 Service Riser fee.

* Member installed conduit must be installed from the meter base to within 5'-10' of designated source and must be inspected by Corn Belt Energy before being back filled.

^ Difficult terrain areas, narrow lots, zero-lot-lines, and underground in our Northern Region will require member-installed conduit.

NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE ³⁸

The next time you visit us online, you'll likely notice a few changes. We recently redesigned our website with a cleaner look and improved navigation so you can easily find the information you're looking for, even on your cell phone!

We also invite you to join our e-mail list and follow us on Twitter so you're always in the know.

Be assured that access to your online account, outage updates, and other important features are still there for you. Visit us at www.cornbeltenergy.com and learn more about the services and programs available to our members.

We hope you use the site as a valuable resource for your energy-related questions. You can count on Corn Belt!



Check out our new site today!
www.cornbeltenergy.com

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

AVOID POWER LINES

Overhead wires enter houses and buildings at places called service drops. Service drops are not insulated, so never attempt to touch these wires.

Storms or accidents can sometimes cause power lines to fall to the ground. Assume any wire lying on the ground is carrying electricity and stay away from it. If you spot a downed wire, immediately call your local police and Corn Belt Energy; Keep others from getting near the downed wire until help arrives.

TREE SAFETY

Tree limbs that grow up near power lines can be unsafe. If you climb such a tree, you could get hurt from electrical shock. Never trim trees near power lines – if you see a tree growing too close to power lines, contact Corn Belt to report it.

HOT TUBS AND POOLS

Water and electricity never mix! Keep electronics like radios away from pools and hot tubs, and watch

for overhead power lines when cleaning pools, sailing or fishing. Never install pools underneath or near power lines. Never touch an electrical appliance if you are wet; always dry off completely.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONICS

Be careful when using electrical appliances outdoors. Whether it's a bug zapper, an electric charcoal lighter, or a radio or CD player, use outlets that have weatherproof covers and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) to prevent serious shock injuries. Use portable GFCIs for outdoor outlets that don't have them.

KITES AND BALLOONS

Since overhead power lines are not insulated, a kite or balloon string can conduct electricity to the ground. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that is near power lines, do not climb up to get it. Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field.



Mother's Day Gift Ideas



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- Cabot Creamery
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- RedEnvelope.com
- Shari's Berries
- ... and many more!

Don't forget to use your free Co-op Connections Card for valuable savings when shopping for mom!

Search for great offers online at www.connections.coop where you can choose from national discounts and dozens of local offers, too!

Need a card? Stop by, call us or e-mail us at marketing@cornbeltenergy.com for your complimentary card.

Payment Options

Please note that Corn Belt Energy is not affiliated with any third party pay source. We encourage you to make payments through these methods:

Pay your bill online at www.cornbeltenergy.com

Drop off your payment at our office or use our drop box after-hours

Mail your payment to our processing center:
Corn Belt Energy
P.O. Box 2571
Decatur, IL 62525-2571

Make a payment over the phone by calling a Corn Belt account representative

Contact Us

800-879-0339

Call this number to report an outage and call from the phone associated with your account if possible.

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Bloomington IL 61705

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