

Sun River Electric Cooperative

Ripples



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Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

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Low Income Programs 2016 - 2017

The state of Montana, through the Department of Public Health & Human Services, offers two programs aimed at helping low-income individuals reduce their heating costs. The programs run from October 1st through April 30th each year. LIEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and homeowners may apply. The chart shows the income limits, according to family size. Apply at the LIEAP office for your county:

Opportunities Inc.

905 1st Ave N
PO Box 2289, Great Falls MT 59401
(406) 761-0310 or (800) 326-0955
Serves: Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier

Rocky Mountain Development Council

648 N Jackson
PO Box 1717, Helena MT 59624
(406) 447-1625 or (800) 356-6544
Serves: Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark

North Central Area

Agency on Aging
Pondera Village Shopping Center
600 S Main, Suite 4
Conrad MT 59425
(406) 271-7553
Serves: Pondera, Teton, Toole

Blackfeet Reservation

Tribal Energy Assistance
PO Box 850
Browning MT 59417
(406) 338-7977

The Weatherization Program, through LIEAP, helps partici-

pants improve the heating efficiency of their homes, thus reducing their energy consumption. Applications are ranked according to the degree of need and placed in "priority groups." Special priority is given to older adults and disabled individuals. Once approved, an energy auditor will set a time to visit with you about the most cost-effective weatherization measures for your home within the dollar limits allowed.

Although the normal program runs from October 1st through April 30th, you may apply for an emergency situation with a furnace or water heater at any time by contacting the energy assistance eligibility office serving your community.

Another organization, Energy Share of Montana, is aimed at helping Montanans faced with emergencies meet their energy needs and move toward self-reliance. It is to be used

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NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD	LIEAP INCOME LIMIT	WEATHERIZATION HELP LIMIT
1	\$ 22,293	\$ 23,760
2	\$ 29,153	\$ 32,040
3	\$ 36,012	\$ 40,320
4	\$ 42,872	\$ 48,600
5	\$ 49,732	\$ 56,880
6	\$ 56,591	\$ 65,160
7	\$ 57,877	\$ 73,460
8	\$ 61,335	\$ 81,780
9	\$ 67,575	\$ 90,100
10	\$ 73,815	\$ 98,420
11	\$ 80,055	\$106,740
12	\$ 86,295	\$115,060
13	\$ 92,535	\$123,380
14	\$ 98,775	\$131,700
15	\$105,015	\$140,020

Co-op Connections Card Corner

Spotlighting these businesses

Hausmann Studio

Art & Framing Studio
10 percent off price of complete framing package for one art print or photograph. The frame package includes glass, one mat, frame, and fitting.
Fairfield, MT • 467-3432

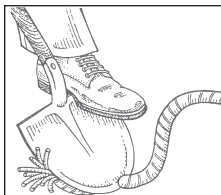
In The Garden Floral

Floral & Gift Shop
In The Garden Floral invites you to present your Coop Connection card and receive a 10 percent discount on your purchase of regular priced items excluding special orders such as wedding packages and funeral arrangements.
Fairfield, MT • 467-2345

Fairfield Park Inn

Lodging
10 percent discount per night.
Fairfield, MT
800-844-0892
www.fairfieldparkinn.com

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Low Income

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only after an applicant has been considered for LIEAP. There are no specific income limits; however, if a household has sufficient resources available to meet the needs, it will be ineligible for assistance. Energy Share is meant to be a loan program so others may utilize the funds once they are paid back. Applicants must fill out an

application which is available at Opportunities Inc.; 905 1st Ave N; Great Falls, or receive one by mail by calling either 761-0310 or toll free 1-800-326-0955.

Applications also may be available at your LIEAP office or through your energy provider.

For more information about saving energy in your home, visit: www.deq.mt.gov/energy/EnergizeMT/warmhome/tips

Operation Round-up

Operation Round-up is a charitable fund program designed to financially help organizations, clubs or groups with a need within the Sun River Electric service area. The fund is made of change from SREC consumers who have rounded up their monthly billing to the nearest dollar. For example, if you sign up for Operation Round-up and your monthly bill is \$64.35, it would be rounded up to \$65. The extra 65 cents goes into the fund.

At this time there are 302 consumers participating in the program. SREC's Operation Round-up has donated to the Teton County Ambulance for new CPR training equipment and to the Greenfield School for an automated external defibrillator (AED). If you are interested in signing up or have a request for a donation, give SREC a call.



Sun River Electric Cooperative will be closed November 11, 24 & 25 in observance of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.



Trivia

How many people do rural electric cooperatives serve in the United States? A: 400,000 B: 4 million C: 40 million
(Correct Answer is upside down on the bottom of this page)

Pay as you go with **prePAY** electricity from SREC.

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Reminder: Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Swap Column

FOR SALE: Assorted plumbing supplies: 1/2" & 3/4" copper fittings, 1/2" & 3/4" galvanized steel fittings, 1/2" & 3/4" CPVC fittings, 3/4" copper flex connectors, assorted water heater elements. Make offer. Call Ross at Sun River Electric. 467-2526.

FOR SALE: 4-seat glass picnic table; hand-made wooden pine bed frame, holds queen or king-sized bed; smaller entertainment center; bumper-pool table; men's mountain bike; washer & dryer, Frigidaire; gun-rack; couch & loveseat set, (fabric); small end table; horse tack; crib bumper, blanket & bedskirt set for a little girl; homemade house bedroom curtains; 2 bedroom chairs; oak rocking chair with ottoman; bedroom 3-piece set. Best offer on all, Syd Lothspeich, 733-4771 or 799-1539.

FOR SALE: 1991 3/4 ton Suburban; 32' camper, self-contained. R. Rasmussen, 264-5142, leave message.

FOR SALE: 2-National

tires, 195-75 R14; 2-Goodyear 195-R14; 1-Uniroyal Super Cleat Master tractor tire & rims, 36"; 4-General 7-14.5 bias-ply tractor tires on rims; 1-Marshall Powerguard, AT-LT 215/75/15; 2-Wrangler tires LT 235/75 R15; 2-National tires, 195-75 R14. Wilma Wheeler, Power, 463-2531. **WANTED:** 150 Versatile tractor, bi-directional. Joe Kelleher, 573-7777.

FOR SALE: Assorted hand tools, all sizes; Shop Vac, 5 gal., 2 hp; Skil saw, 7 1/4", with blade; Black & Decker 1/2" drill with bits; Coleman jump-start system, 10 APMs per hour. Marilyn Norris, 264-5675. 239569

FOR SALE: 2 small square balers, 16"x18", John Deere models 466 & 468. Ray Schmidt, 467-2499.

WANTED: Meyer ditcher, ditch filler. Ray Schmidt, 467-2499.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at kscott@sunriverelectric.coop by the first of the month.

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Answer to Trivia Question: C: 40 million people are served by rural electric cooperatives.