

Sun River Electric Cooperative

Ripples

Phone Numbers: 406-467-2527 or 1-800-452-7516

Website: www.sunriverelectric.coop

After Hours & Weekend Dispatch:

406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516

If calling from a local number or cell phone –

please use: 467-2526 or 467-2527

Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

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Apply now for low-income energy assistance programs

Fall is in the air, bringing higher energy costs with it. If you or someone you know is having difficulty paying your heating bills, 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 of each year. **LIEAP** (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and home owners may apply.

The Weatherization Program helps participants 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.

Another organization, **Energy Share of Montana**, is aimed at helping Montanans faced with emer-

2017-2018 Income and Resource Limits		
Household Members	LIEAP	Weatherization
1	\$22,712	\$24,120
2	\$29,700	\$32,480
3	\$36,688	\$40,840
4	\$43,676	\$49,200
5	\$50,664	\$57,560
6	\$57,652	\$65,920
7	\$58,962	\$74,280
8	\$61,980	\$82,640
9	\$68,250	\$91,000
10	\$74,520	\$99,360
11	\$80,790	\$107,720
12	\$87,060	\$116,080
13	\$93,330	\$124,440
14	\$99,600	\$132,800
15	\$105,870	\$141,160

gencies meet their energy needs and move toward self-reliance. It is to be used 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. Applications are available at Opportunities Inc., 905 1st Ave. N., Great Falls; or by calling (406) 761-0310 or toll free (800) 326-0955. Applications are also available at your LIEAP office or through your energy provider.

To receive assistance or request information, contact the LIEAP office serving your county:

Opportunities Inc.

Serves Counties:

Cascade; Chouteau; Glacier

905 1st Ave N

PO Box 2289

Great Falls MT 59401

(406) 761-0310

(800) 326-0955

Rocky Mountain Development Council

Serves Counties:

Broadwater; Jefferson; Lewis & Clark

648 N Jackson

PO Box 1717

Helena MT 59624

(406) 447-1625

(800) 356-6544

North Central Area Agency on Aging

Serves Counties:

Pondera; Teton; Toole

Pondera Village Shopping Center

600 S Main, Suite 4

Conrad MT 59425

(406) 271-7553

Tribal Energy Assistance

Serves Blackfeet

Reservation

PO Box 850

Browning MT 59417

(406) 338-7977

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

Swap Column

FOR SALE: 574 IHC with loader blade & rotary mower; water wagon 500 gallon with gas engine & hoses, like new, mounted on 4-wheel trailer. Dennis McOmber, 467-2075.

FOR SALE: Small meat grinder & sausage stuffer, \$15; Valley history books, interesting stories. Ruth Merja, 264-5113.

FOR SALE: 1957 Ford Fairlane, 312 Thunder Special; 4 door hard-top sedan, 5,042 miles, runs great, \$15,000. Bob or Betty Nelson, 467-3332 or 590-8877. 320303

FOR SALE: 2 Rolls of 100' perforated pipe, never used, still in original rolls. Make offer. John Gallagher, 467-2013.

WANTED: 6-16" wheels to fit a 1-ton Dodge truck. Dennis

Lobdell, 564-7307 or 217-5608.
FOR SALE: Butterball indoor electric turkey fryer. Great fryer, used twice, no longer need to cook big turkey. Will hold a 14 lbs bird. Chony Maxwell, 467-2694.

FOR SALE: New Masonite soft-fit, 1' lap siding or vertical, about 4,500 sq ft for \$.60/sq ft; new tailgate for '94 Mazda B4000, \$135; lo-boy trailer axle, \$550; 2-stage, 3-chambered hydraulic pump, \$169; Pachislo Gran-ciel slot machine, \$525; receiver hitch, \$65; stake rack for 48' semitrailer, \$650. Robert Doran, 965-3212.

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.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature — set it and forget it!

— Source: U.S Department of Energy



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

It is easy! Call SREC to get started.



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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to fall back on **November 5!** Set your clocks back by one hour.



Hidden numbers

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a **\$50** credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer:

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

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