

Sun River Electric Cooperative

Ripples

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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

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 30. LIEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and homeowners may apply. See chart to the right for the income limits, according to family size. Apply at the LIEAP office in your county.

The **WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM** through LIEAP 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 emergencies 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 a second time once they are paid back. Applicants must fill out an application 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 may also be available at your LIEAP office or through your energy provider.

For more information about saving energy in your home, visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance> and select “What Can I Do to Save Energy in My Home?”

WE HAVE REBATES!

Don't forget that Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) has rebates for household appliances. SREC offers \$25 rebates on clothes washers or dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators and freezers that are Energy-Star compliant. Just download the rebate form from SREC's website, www.sunriverelectric.coop, fill it out, attach a copy of the receipt and send it to SREC. SREC will then review the rebate form and credit your account \$25 per compliant appliance. Energy-Star rated appliances can be found at www.energystar.gov.

Also remember that SREC offers a \$100 rebate on electric water heaters. To be eligible, the water heater has to be at least 90 percent efficient. The water heater rebate form is also on SREC's website, download it and fill it out, and send it in with a copy of the receipt to get the \$100 credit. Water heater must be at least 40-gallon capacity to qualify.

All rebates must be submitted within 90 days of purchase.

If you have any questions about rebates, call Sun River Electric at 467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516.

LIEAP and Weatherization 2019 - 2020 Qualifications

Number in Household	LIEAP and CRF Income Limits
1	\$25,248
2	\$33,017
3	\$40,785
4	\$48,554
5	\$56,323
6	\$64,091
7	\$65,548
8	\$67,005
9	\$71,775
10	\$78,405
11	\$85,035
12	\$91,665
13	\$98,295
14	\$104,925
15	\$111,555

905 1st Ave N
PO Box 2289
Great Falls MT 59403
(406) 761-0310
(800) 326-0955

Serves: Cascade
Chouteau
Glacier

Rocky Mountain Development Council
648 N Jackson
PO Box 1717
Helena MT 59624
(406) 447-1625
(800) 356-6544

Serves: Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis & Clark

North Central Area Agency on Aging
Pondera Village Shopping Center
600 S Main, Ste 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

Operation Round-up

Operation Round-up is a charitable fund program designed to financially help individuals, families or groups in need within the Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) service area. The fund is made of change from SREC consumers who have rounded up their monthly billing to the nearest dollar. 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 220 consumers

participating in the program. SREC's Operation Round-up has donated to the Teton County Ambulance for new CPR training equipment, Conrad's City Hall for handicapped entrance doors, Pondera Medical Center for the purchase of a newer handicapped van 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. 335159



Swap Column

FOR SALE: Side-by-side fridge, ice/water dispenser, large, good condition: cattle guard, 12'x6'8"; boat, 14' Sytan, 35-hp Johnson with trolling motor; hot tub, pump/motor, rebuilt, seats 4-6 people. Bonnie Bramlette, 733-2473.

FOR SALE: Toro snowblower, single stage, 20", gas w/electric start, \$50. Jim Jacobson, 467-2747.

FOR SALE: Powder Mountain portable corral, seven (12'x64") panels, \$425. Brad Berthelson, 278-5877.

FOR SALE: 6' X 15', heavy-duty oilfield-type cattle guard. Can build to your specifications. Logan Garman, 289-0630.

FOR SALE: 2 sets of 17" light truck chains, 1 pair new, 1 pair used once, \$100 for all. Al Wiseman, 466-2718 or 466-5891.

FOR SALE: VAL6MPX infrared oil heater, 55,000 – 62,500 BTU output, used less than 8 hours. Perfect for calving barn. Bill Reiter, 467-3909.

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

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

It is easy! Call SREC to get started.



monitor. pay. alert. reload.

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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