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Revolving Loan Fund

Playing an active role in economic development



Stanton County Public Power District has played an active role in the economic development of Stanton County, and it can help again! Learn more about the Revolving Loan Fund in this issue.

– Chad Waldow: General Manager, CEO



Revolving Loan Fund >>>

Back in 2017, SCPPD was successful in obtaining grand funding through the USDA's Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program to establish the Revolving Load Fund (RLF) for economic development projects in the area. The RLF allows for low-intetest loans for projects that meet RLF requirements. For example, the initial loan from the RLF was used to help build the Cooper Family Community Center in Pilger. SCPPD was pleased to be able to provide support for the important project that provide servies and amenities to many of our customers.

RLF funds are available for many projects, such as; medical or other emergency facilities; job skills training facilities; community facilities and infrastructure; small business startup projects, small business expansion projects; business incubators; and commercial or industrial development projects.

The RLF is not intended to compete with or substitute for your local bank or other lenders. It can, however, collaborate with other lenders to provide the financial package necessary to advance an economic development project.

Growing our economy is critical for the substainability of the area and rural Nebraska. SCPPD is excited to offer this program and partner with local businesses to generate new economic activity in the area. If you've been thinking about a new business venture, or taking your currect business to the next level, we urge you to contact our office to discuss how we may be able to help.



High Efficiency Heat Pump

Upgrading your heating/cooling system to a high efficiency heat pump can save energy AND money! Check with your HVAC installer to find out which system will work best for your home and don't forget to ask about the EnergyWise rebate!



EnergyWise Incentives >>>

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs.

There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2023 year. For more information, check the website at www.scppd.com or call the office at 402-439-2228.



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Use less. Spend less. Do more.

2023 Incentive Rebate Programs

Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

\$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9

\$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

High Efficiency Heat Pump:

\$400 - \$3,300 Incentive

Minimum *SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5

Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

15 SEER incentive discontinued after 2023

SMART thermostat:

\$25-\$100 Incentive options

Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.

Space Heaters

Majority of home heating fire deaths involve a space heater or other heating equipment

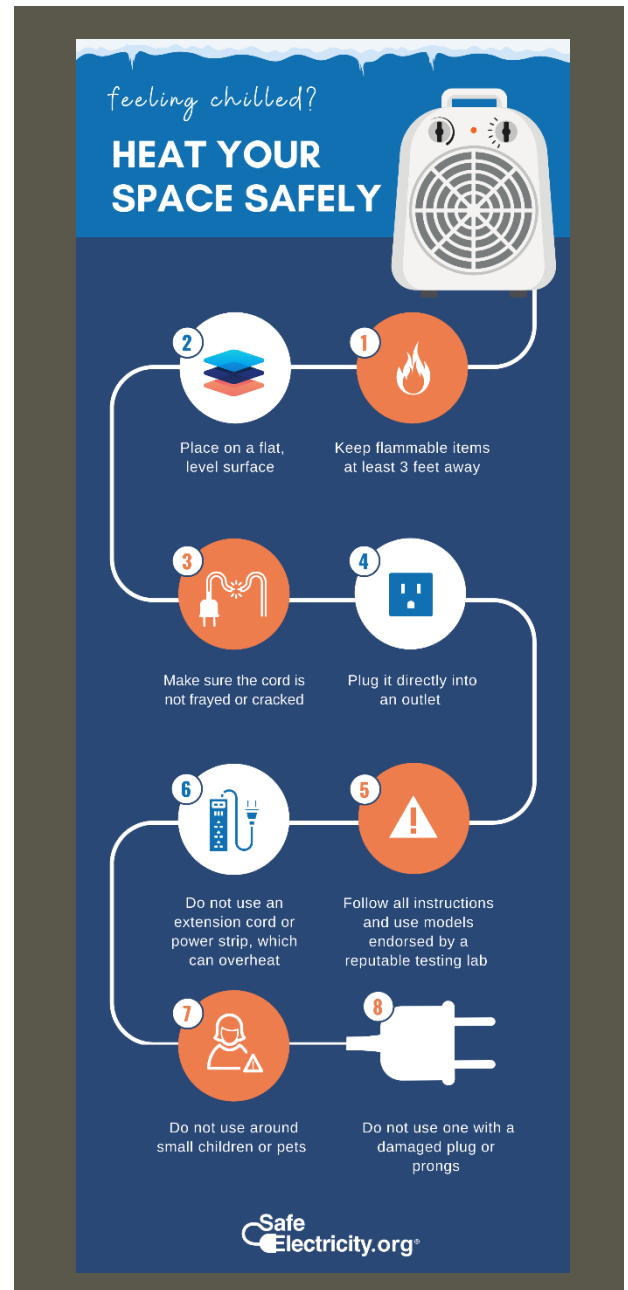
Heating equipment, such as space heaters, kerosene heaters, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves, is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The term “homes” includes one- and two-family homes (including manufactured homes), apartments, townhouses and other multi-family dwellings.

During a recent four-year period, local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 48,530 fires involving heating equipment each year. The fires resulted in 500 civilian (non-first-responder) deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage, according to NFPA’s Home Heating Fires report published in 2021.

In addition, approximately two in five home heating equipment fires involved items that ran on what is considered solid fuel, such as wood-burning or pellet stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. However, electric-powered heating devices were responsible for the largest share of losses, accounting for more than half of the fatalities, three in five injuries and two-fifths of the property damage.

Follow these safety tips to use space heaters safely:

1. Read all instructions and use space heaters only as recommended.
2. Do not leave space heaters unattended.
3. Plug them directly into an outlet; most power strips and extension cords are not equipped to handle the energy spikes caused by space heaters cycling on and off.
4. Unplug any other items from the outlet you are using and try to use a dedicated circuit to avoid overload.
5. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Turn the heaters off before you leave the room or go to sleep.
7. Do not use heaters that are in disrepair or have frayed cords or damaged plugs.
8. Place them on flat, level surfaces and never on furniture, counters or carpet, which can overheat.
9. Unplug and put space heaters away (out of the reach of children) when not in use.



Scholarship >>>

Attention Students! Career Opportunity

Have you ever been interested in a career in the utility industry? For just two short years of education and training, you can have a full time career with excellent benefits. Need some assistance with the cost & fees that come with that education?

The Donald D. Heller Utility Line Program Scholarship is sponsored by the Stanton County Public Power District Office. The Donald D. Heller Utility Line Program will award up to \$6,000. If you are interested, please apply online at the Northeast Community College website by March 1, 2023. Additional information can be attained at the college, the SCPPD office, or on the website at www.scppd.com.

Only ONE scholarship is awarded.
Please apply today! Remember, the deadline is March 1, 2023.



Furnace Filters

This time of year can be hard on your heating unit. Take a minute to check your filters and replace them as necessary. Keep your system running efficiently and keep your home air quality clean!



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