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# EnLIGHTening NEWS



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 for after hours service**

## Storm Related outages: Restoration Efforts



We are all hoping for great fall and winter weather with an occasional lite snow to add to the holiday feel. We all know living here in Nebraska comes with a threat of bad winter weather. Inclement weather can put your electric service and the entire electric system at risk. The impact of power outages range from an inconvenience to loss of business, even a loss of life in the wrong situation.

Restoration efforts are always a priority at SCPPD – Learn more inside!



## Outage Restoration >>>

The Board of Directors, management, and line personnel take this very seriously. We proactively work to prevent these outage situations. This includes several maintenance programs, a vegetation management program, and a system work plan that replaces large sections of line to strengthen the system. We also monitor the amount of outage time per customer to ensure that investment is working!

At Stanton County PPD, we are very proud of the reliability we provide and strive to keep the light on. However, in the event of a major power outage, many customers may wonder how the restoration process works. The priority is to restore power to the most customers possible in the shortest amount of time. This work begins by restoring power as follows.



**Emergencies**-Any emergency we are aware of will get priority. Some examples of this include fires, automobile accidents and customer contacts to name a few. Always report any emergencies you may see regardless of the weather conditions.

**Transmission Lines**-These lines carry large amounts of electricity over greater distances. In our system, these lines are the source of power for our substations located throughout the district. These are critical to the restoration process, because without power flowing to the substations, the remaining system is in the dark. These lines are top priority in the restoration process.

**Substations**-There are several substations located throughout the system and these are the next level of priority in the restoration process. Substations transform the voltage down to a distribution level. Multiple circuits feed from each substation.

**Distribution Lines**-Main feeder lines are placed throughout the system to serve load in localized areas. These lines feed multiple customers in a specific area. There are also distribution lines that feed a small number of customers and possibly only one customer. These lines are called distribution taps and often are considered a lower priority than main distribution lines due to a lower customer density.

**Individual Customers**-Individual outages are the focus once the transmission, substation and distribution lines are repaired. Individual outages can be addressed once we know the power to the individual is still out.

## Office Closing



**We wish to express our gratitude to all veterans for their service and sacrifice that they made for our freedom.**

**The SPCPD office will be closed  
November 11, 2022 in observance of  
Veterans Day.**

## 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 2022 year. For more information, check the website at [www.scpd.com](http://www.scpd.com) or call the office at 402-439-2228.*



**ENERGYWISE**<sup>SM</sup>  
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

## 2022 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 - \$3,000 Incentive

Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5

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

SMART thermostat:

\$25-\$100 Incentive options

Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

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

# Portable Generators

*Fuel your knowledge before powering up a generator*

- ✓ **Prepare:** Install battery operated carbon monoxide (CO) alarms throughout your home; ensure they are working properly.
- ✓ **Position:** Place a portable generator at least 20 feet from windows and doors; do not use one in a garage or carport.
- ✓ **Read:** Carefully review and then follow all manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓ **Protect:** If it is wet outside, keep it dry by placing it on a tarp. Position it under a portable canopy (not a carport).
- ✓ **Refuel Safely:** Turn off your portable generator and let it cool down before refueling.
- ✓ **Inspect and maintain:** Inspect a portable generator before each use and make sure it is properly maintained.

A portable generator can be useful during an outage; however, use one correctly to prevent CO poisoning and to stay safe.

**USING A GENERATOR?**  
**8 DANGEROUS MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE**

- 1 IN ENCLOSED SPACES**  
Always use it in a well-ventilated area.
- 2 NEAR WINDOWS OR DOORS**  
Place it at least 20 feet away from windows and doors.
- 3 IN A GARAGE**  
Even if the door is up, never use a generator in a garage.
- 4 IN THE ELEMENTS**  
Run it on a dry surface under a canopy-like structure (but not in a carport).
- 5 PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET**  
This can be deadly to you, family members, neighbors or utility workers.
- 6 WITH THE WRONG EXTENSION CORD**  
Use a properly rated cord to plug appliances into a generator.
- 7 WITHOUT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) TESTERS**  
CO detectors should be on every level of your home (test them monthly).
- 8 IN DISREPAIR**  
Make sure your generator is well-maintained and in good working order.

**LEARN MORE AT:**  
**Safe Electricity.org®**

## Empower children to stay safe outdoors>>>

According to the National Institute of Health, electricity causes approximately 1,000 deaths and 30,000 injuries in the US each year, 20% of which occur in children. Empower your family with electrical safety knowledge that can potentially save their lives. Always remember that electricity is everywhere, even when playing outdoors, away from screens and other plug-in devices.

Substations and Padmount transformers may spark a child's imagination. It may appear to be a fun place to play, but these are filled with electrical equipment that could cause harm or even death to someone who is not trained to handle them. Stay Away!

**OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE**  
NEVER LET CHILDREN PLAY ON OR NEAR PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

**Safe Electricity.org®**

# Holiday Closings

The SCPPD office will be closed to observe the Veterans Day holiday on November 11, 2022

as well as Thanksgiving: November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>



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## 3 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking for easy ways to lower your energy bills this winter? Here's a few tips from the Department of Energy:



Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep cold, drafty air out.



Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.



Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.