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“Public Power is charged with providing safe, reliable electric service at the lowest cost. This has been the cornerstone of Public Power from the beginning and will continue to guide us into the future.”

Chad Waldow, General Manager



Public Power Month>>>

Public Power is unique to Nebraska, just like Runza and Dorothy Lynch salad dressing. The public power model has served residents, farms, and businesses very well over the years.



We understand the risks involved with electricity. We work hard to educate those we serve. We also work to educate first responders in the area, and we spend time to educate the youth in our schools. We also invest in the safety of our employees to ensure they have a safe work environment and make it home each and every day!



There are no shareholders or investors in Public Power that must be satisfied with a rate of return on their investment. The Board of Directors, elected by the consumer owners, guides the District when making decisions such as capital budgets, electric rates and retained earnings. This local control allows us to adapt to the variety of customers that we serve. There are areas with more urban development that differ greatly from the Sandhills of western Nebraska. Different challenges are tackled with solutions from our local Directors.

As electric consumers in Nebraska, we collectively own the generation assets that serve us. This has been financed through electric rates over long periods of time. These are valuable assets and I think it would be a very big mistake for us to turn our back to them. Opening retail choice and buy from the market could potentially lead to walking away from our generation assets. The Public Power model encourages investments to be made back into the electric system. Rather than paying our investors a rate of return, we keep rates low and invest back into our systems to maintain reliability.

Public Power in Nebraska is unique, but more importantly, it works for all Nebraskans.

Chad Waldow, General Manager

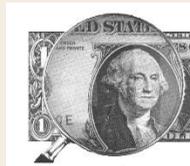
High Efficiency Heat Pumps

Upgrading your heating/cooling system to a heat pump can save you energy & money! Check with your HVAC installer for more information, and don't forget your 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 2022 year. For more information, check the website at www.scppd.com or call the office at 402-439-2228.



ENERGYWISESM
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 - \$3000 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.

Driving Safety

What would you do if you encountered a downed power line?

If you were in an accident involving a downed overhead power line, would you get out of the car and run? If you saw a car accident involving a downed line or damaged green box, would you run to the scene to help? If you saw a downed line across a road, would you approach it or try to move it?

Any of these actions can cause serious injury or electrocution (death). Downed lines and other damaged equipment can energize the ground, nearby people and objects. Never go near a downed power line or try to move it with an object. Electricity can jump from a wire or object to you to find the quickest path to ground.

The safest place to be after an accident involving a downed power line is inside your vehicle or cab. Unless your vehicle is on fire or giving off smoke, here is what you should do:

1. Stay inside your vehicle or cab.
2. Call 9-1-1 and report that there are downed or damaged power lines.
3. Try to remain calm.
4. Wait for the utility crew to arrive to deenergize the power.
5. Do not get out until someone from the utility says it is safe to do so.

If you must get out of the vehicle because it is on fire, cross your arms over your chest and make a clean, solid jump out, then intentionally hop with your feet together as far away as you can. If you are unable to make solid hops, shuffle with your feet close together.

When you exit, do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time. You could become electricity's path to ground from touch potential (touching something energized and the ground at the same time).

Hopping helps avoid step potential (placing each foot at a different voltage). When electricity escapes into the ground, it is likened to ripples in a pond, with each ripple representing a different voltage.

Don't Become Electricity's PATH TO GROUND



When electric utility equipment becomes damaged, the ground and objects can become energized.

If you are in a situation where there could be downed power lines or a damaged pole, guy wire or padmount transformer (green box), know what to do to save your life and the lives of others:

CAR ACCIDENT

Stay inside your vehicle or cab since the ground or objects could be energized.



Call 9-1-1 and report that there are downed or damaged power lines or a dislodged green box.

Wait for the utility crew to arrive to deenergize the power.

Do not exit until someone from the utility says it is safe to do so.

ONLY EXIT IF THE VEHICLE IS ON FIRE

Cross your arms over your chest and make a clean jump out.

Do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.

Make solid hops with your feet together as far away as you can.

Do not return to the vehicle.



IF YOU ARE A BYSTANDER

Do not approach the scene to try and help.

Stay at least 50 feet away and do not lean on or touch anything, including fences or guardrails.



Learn more at:

**Safe
Electricity.org**

Space Heaters>>>>

Space heaters are a great way to warm specific rooms in your home without having to crank up the thermostat but using space heaters doesn't come without risk!

Keep papers, clothing, blankets, and other flammables at least 3 feet away. Stay warm, but safe this season!

Give me some space...

Space heaters account for a third of heating fires and 80 percent of heating fire deaths per year.



Learn more at:

**Safe
Electricity.org**

Save energy this winter

How can you save on heating costs this winter? Some answers to that question are basic: Turn down the thermostat, dress in layers, keep your feet warm and have extra blankets around.

Additional tips are always available on the SCPPD website or safeelectricity.org



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No tricks. Just treats.

**Don't run electrical cords
across walkways that
could endanger
trick-or-treaters.**



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