

## FREE TREES ARE BACK!

For the third year, we are giving free trees to our members for Earth Day!

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**  
**BEGINNING AT 2 PM**  
**AT NREMC**

Members who  
are enrolled in  
**PAPERLESS BILLING**  
can get up to  
**THREE TREES!**

To celebrate Earth Day again this year, NREMC will hand out *free* trees to members. Northeastern focuses on our community, including helping our members care for our local environment.

Trees will be available two per member on a first-come, first-served basis until all 2,000 trees are gone.

Members who take advantage of paperless billing can get one additional tree for a total of three trees.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold trees for anyone.



Find full details at [nremc.com/trees24](http://nremc.com/trees24).



## ELECTRIC SAFETY ON THE FARM



Turn to Page 3 to learn about our  
next Power Hour on April 11.



## Ready to make a difference? Apply for a board of directors position

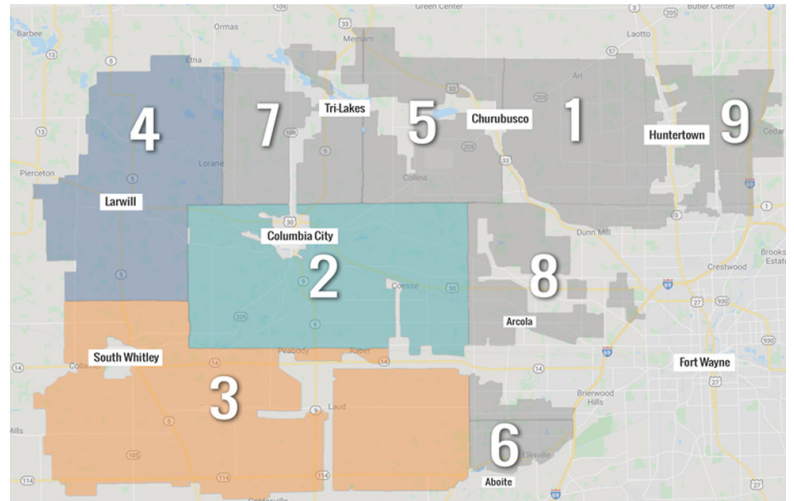


Northeastern REMC's service area is divided into nine districts, with one board member serving a three-year term from each district. Although board members are elected from districts, they represent the NREMC membership as a whole. This is why when members vote annually, they cast their vote for all districts up for election. This year, members will elect a director from Districts 2, 3, and 4. These districts include the townships of Columbia, Union, Cleveland, Washington, Jefferson, Richland, and Etna-Troy in Whitley County and a small portion of Washington township in Kosciusko County.

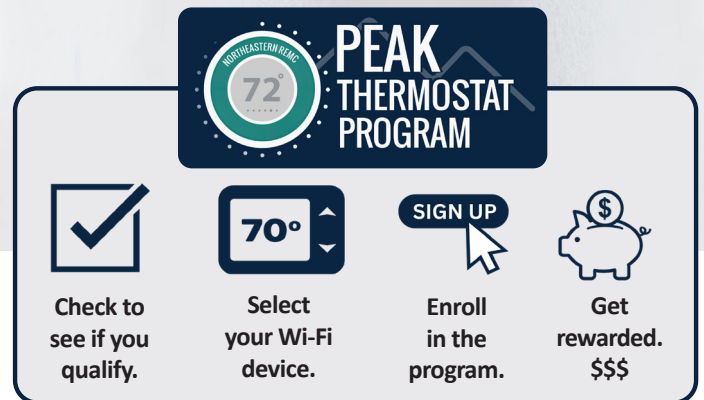
For a complete list of requirements, potential duties, and more about the election process, visit the link below.

Learn more at [nremc.com/candidates](https://nremc.com/candidates).

### NREMC Service Area by District



The Peak Thermostat Program is back for another season of savings! Members can save up to 15% on their energy bill each month by installing a smart thermostat and enrolling in our program. Plus, you'll get a \$100 bill credit the first year and \$50 every additional year you stay in the Peak Thermostat Program.



Learn more at [nremc.com/peak](https://nremc.com/peak).

**GET A \$100 BILL CREDIT THE FIRST YEAR AND \$50 EVERY ADDITIONAL YEAR YOU STAY IN THE PROGRAM.**

# POWER HOUR

NORTHEASTERN REMC  
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

## ELECTRIC SAFETY ON THE FARM

### JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

**| WHEN |** Thursday, April 11  
**| WHERE |** Northeastern REMC  
 4901 East Park 30, Columbia City  
**| TIME |** 8 a.m.  
**| RSVP |** Go to [nremc.com/ph](http://nremc.com/ph)

## RSVP BY APRIL 4

Featuring:



**Jared Boggs**  
Safety  
Coordinator  
at NREMC



**Doug Schrader**  
Local farmer &  
long-time board  
member of NREMC

Farmers contribute so much to our everyday lives, and we care about their safety. As farmers head back into the fields for planting, we want to share the importance of being alert to the dangers of working near overhead power lines. Electricity is one of the most overlooked yet deadliest hazards of working on a farm. Follow safe work practices at all times to prevent tragic accidents.

Join us for breakfast as we do a deep dive into electrical safety. This *free* event is open to any NREMC member who would like to attend.

RSVP at [nremc.com/ph](http://nremc.com/ph).



**POWERING  
THE FUTURE  
SCHOLARSHIP**  
— NORTHEASTERN REMC —

**APPLY BY APRIL 5**

## Powering the Future scholarship deadline approaching

We will select two high school seniors from eligible applicants to receive \$1,000 in college scholarships! To apply, students must meet the qualifications listed on our website, complete and return the application, and provide the necessary documents. Selection criteria are based on academic achievement, school involvement, community involvement, and recommendations.

Apply at [nremc.com/scholarship](http://nremc.com/scholarship).



# Thanks for rounding up your bills to help local nonprofit organizations

Each month, more than 1,300 Northeastern members like you choose to round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar to help nonprofit organizations in our communities as part of Operation Round Up. Recently, funding was awarded to the following organizations:



Laura Tucker, executive director at BABE of Whitley County accepts a \$1,000 donation from Operation Round Up.

## RespectTeam

RespectTeam offers programs in Whitley County to help educate, empower, and encourage youth to recognize their value and worth.

## Whitley County Night to Shine

Whitley County Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience for people with functional needs.

## BABE of Whitley County

BABE of Whitley County encourages preventative care and childhood development by providing incentives and a community for families.



Start rounding up your bill each month by signing up at [nremc.com/roundup](http://nremc.com/roundup).

# Neely completes four-year apprenticeship to become journeyman lineworker

We are proud to announce that one of our employees recently graduated from Indiana Electric Cooperatives' apprenticeship program, the Rural Electric Apprenticeship Program. NREMC's Adam Neely was one of the 22 lineworkers who graduated last month. REAP is a program that professionally trains apprentice lineworkers from across Indiana. Graduates complete 612 hours of classroom-related study and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training at their electric cooperative. In this program, students complete four additional classes through Ivy Tech Community College to earn an associate of applied science and a journeyman lineworker certificate. Congratulations, Adam, on this accomplishment!



Adam Neely

2023 REAP Graduate

620 HOURS OF CLASSWORK • 8,000 HOURS OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING



## Membership Agreement Updates

After a recent membership application audit, we have found that some members still need to sign their membership agreement electronically. If you are one of these members, watch for an email soon with the easy steps to complete this. This email will come from Northeastern REMC.

Remember, if you ever receive an email that seems suspicious, you can always contact us to verify the information.

## Good Friday

Our lobby will be closed

Friday, March 29.

Don't forget that you can always access your account online 24/7 at [nremc.com](http://nremc.com) or call us at anytime.

## Contact Us

[memberservices@nremc.com](mailto:memberservices@nremc.com)

888-413-6111  
[nremc.com](http://nremc.com)



# ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOR A FLOODED BASEMENT

## Be cautious entering a flooded house or using electricity afterward

It's important to remember that electricity and water do not mix. This age-old safety tip is one we've all heard before, but it's imperative when dealing with the stress of a flooded basement.

When standing water is found in a homeowner's basement, it's natural to want to quickly assess the damage and start cleaning up or trying to save things that are not damaged yet. A dangerous situation can occur once any part of your electrical system has come into contact with water. Electrical shock is very likely, especially if water has risen above your electrical outlets.

### How to get ahead of basement flooding

- Clogged gutters can lead to a lot of different issues. If the downspouts are not directing water away from your foundation, the water can seep into your basement.
- Inspect your foundation and seal any cracks you find regularly.
- Don't plant trees and shrubs too close to your foundation. Roots can cause cracks in the foundation over time.
- Regularly check that your sump pump is working correctly.

You can also be shocked by a wet floor. Always ensure power is off before stepping into floodwater in a basement or wherever.

When flooding is imminent, take a few precautions before heading to a safe location. Depending on your time, you can pack up your small electrical appliances and devices or move them to an upper level of your home — above where you think floodwaters will rise.

If you choose to evacuate, turn off the electricity to your home at the main electric panel. Flip each breaker off first, and then turn off the main breaker. You may also need to shut off the main valve for your home's gas and water.

If your home has experienced water damage, have the electric panel, outlets, and wiring inspected by a licensed electrician before turning the power back on. Have all electrical appliances and devices that have gotten wet checked by a technician. Always take precautions when it comes to electrical safety, and remember that just because you can't see any damage doesn't mean damage did not occur.

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