



# The Outlet

## January 2025

### Save The Date:

#### Annual Meeting 2025

Join us for Riverland Energy's Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 22, at Arcadia High School! Enjoy a delicious breakfast, exciting door prizes, and scholarship drawings. Stay tuned for more details in our upcoming publications.

### 2025 Rebates:

Riverland Energy offers a variety of rebates for residential, agricultural, and business accounts, including custom options. Forms are available on our website or at our offices. Please note that eligibility criteria must be met to qualify. Our rebates include:

- Appliances & Recycling
- Heat Pumps
- LED Lamps & Fixtures
- EV Chargers
- Water Heaters

For more information about our rebate program, visit our website at [www.riverlandenergy.com](http://www.riverlandenergy.com).

### Energy Assistance:

If you need financial assistance, we recommend contacting your local agency. You can find their contact information on our website under "Your Account" > "Energy Assistance."

**The Riverland Energy Community Cares Foundation is seeking applications for the next round of our grant recipients.**



Riverland Energy Community Cares enables REC members to unite and make a positive impact in our communities. By rounding up the extra change from the monthly bills of participating members, we channel these funds to local charitable organizations. Though the contributions are small (ranging from \$0.01 to \$0.99), they collectively make a significant difference for those organizations in need within our communities. Applications for the grant are used for local projects or programs that our members and local communities utilize.

#### Eligibility:

1. Non-profit groups and organizations that serve communities located within the Riverland Energy service area.
2. Projects should fit in one or more of these categories: Community Service, Economic Development, Education and Youth Development, Environment, and/or Disaster Relief.
3. Community Cares funds may not be used for political purposes or to pay electric bills.

To apply, fill out the application form found on our website at [riverlandenergy.com](http://riverlandenergy.com). **Applications are due Thursday, February 13, 2025.**

## OPERATING STATISTICS

	November			
	Monthly		Year-to-date	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
KWHS PURCHASED	22,716,473	23,214,730	275,791,266	265,021,512
KWHS SOLD	21,581,854	22,173,679	265,754,537	257,074,883
REVENUE	\$3,622,187	\$3,518,348	\$40,003,285	\$40,655,773
COST OF PURCHASED POWER	\$1,937,096	\$1,892,211	\$22,953,371	\$22,565,190
OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,167,534	\$1,301,466	\$15,613,841	\$16,710,382
OPERATING MARGINS	\$517,557	\$324,671	\$1,436,073	\$1,380,201
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$20,413	\$5,737	\$107,574	\$102,301
CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS	\$64,116	\$77,687	\$1,353,044	\$1,200,134
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$602,086</b>	<b>\$408,095</b>	<b>\$2,896,691</b>	<b>\$2,682,636</b>

# FREE & EASY ways to save energy

(Spoiler Alert: Your clothes and dishes won't know the difference)

Major home appliances account for approximately 16% of an average home's energy consumption.

16%



1. Run full loads of laundry instead of several smaller ones.
2. Use cold water to wash your clothes.



3. Keep your refrigerator at 35° to 38°F and your freezer at 0°F.
4. Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators.



5. Skip the heat-dry setting on your dishwasher.
6. Fully load your dishwasher before washing.



7. When buying new appliances, consider Energy Star versions.
8. Unplug appliances you're not using.

Time to replace that old appliance? Replacing older versions with energy-efficient models can save the average household more than \$500 per year.

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGYSCAMS

Never make a utility bill payment to anyone calling you on the phone, coming to your door, texting you or emailing you. Always call your utility company at the number provided on your bill or on the utility's website if you have a question about payment or billing information. Know your utility bill payment options—online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person. Riverland will never ask you to pay with gift cards.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams

## New Year's Resolution: Be Energy Efficient Year-Round:

As energy consumers, we can all play a part in conserving resources and reducing our bills. Here are some practical tips to boost your home's energy efficiency throughout the year:

### 1. Know your energy consumption

Start by reviewing your energy bills for the past 12–24 months. Calculate your average monthly usage to establish a baseline for measuring your energy-saving efforts.

### 2. Adopt no-cost ways to save energy - Small changes can lead to significant savings:

- Turn off lights and unplug electronics such as chargers when not in use.
- Close or lower window coverings to regulate the temperature indoors.
- Change your air filters regularly as recommended.
- Use ceiling fans strategically: counterclockwise in summer and clockwise in winter to force warm air down.
- Grill outdoors in summer to keep the heat out of the kitchen.

### 3. Insulate your home - Weatherproofing is key to maintaining comfort and reducing energy use:

- Check for air leaks around windows and doors using the wet finger or tissue test.
- Apply caulk or weather stripping to prevent drafts.
- Remember to keep doors closed to maintain indoor temperature.

By implementing these tips, you'll not only save on energy costs but also contribute to a more sustainable community.



## 2025 Scholarships

### Traditional and At-Large Scholarships

Riverland Energy will award thirty \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parent or guardian resides in the Riverland Energy service territory.



### Luck of the Draw \$5,000 Scholarship

Continuing this year, we will be drawing one recipient from all applicants present at the Annual Meeting for a \$5,000 scholarship.

### Non-traditional Scholarship

Three \$750 non-traditional scholarships will be awarded to non-traditional students at schools of higher learning. These will be awarded to those returning to a university or technical college after spending a minimum of 3 years in the work place or raising a family.

Applications with details and qualifications can be found on our website. The application deadline for all scholarships is 4:00 p.m. March 14, 2025.