

September 2026

Electric Eye

Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative



Harvest Safety Reminder:
Watch for power lines. Keep safe clearances and use a spotter near overhead lines.

Electrical Safety Starts with All of Us | CEO MESSAGE

At MVEC, safety is more than a priority. It's one of our core values, guiding our actions and reinforcing our commitment to protect you, our member-owners, our team, families, farms, and businesses we serve every day.

When people think about electrical safety, they often think about major storms, downed power lines, or crews restoring service during an outage. While those situations require caution, safety is really about the choices we make every day.

Electricity powers nearly every aspect of our lives. It must always be treated with respect. Whether it's teaching children to stay away from a green electrical transformer box, using caution around overhead power lines, or knowing how to respond if you encounter a downed power line, small actions can help prevent accidents and keep our communities safe.

During harvest season, awareness is especially important. Long days and large equipment can create additional risks around power lines. Take a moment to look up, identify hazards, and planning ahead can help prevent any serious accident from happening.

At MVEC, our team receives ongoing training and follows safety practices daily because protecting ourselves and the community is so important. Building a culture of safety takes all of us working together.

Visit our website at www.mvec.net/outage-center/safety/ to learn about electrical safety tips and other resources.

Cooperatively yours,
Marvin

Cold Weather Rule Starts October 1

**Know your Options:
MVEC is Here
to Help.**

Warmer weather may still be here, but colder weather is just around the corner. If paying your electric bill may be a challenge this heating season, MVEC encourages members to look at available energy assistance programs. We are here to help.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule helps protect qualifying households from disconnection between October 1 and April 30 when electricity is the primary heat source and program requirements are met. Members may also be eligible for energy assistance, payment plans, and other billing options to help manage costs year-round.

Learn more: www.mvec.net/financial_assistance or call 952.492.2313.



Want to Save on Costs? Here's How!

Energy Wise programs help participating members save money while helping MVEC reduce expensive wholesale power costs during periods of high electricity demand.

How it works: MVEC temporarily manages enrolled equipment, like electric water heating, heating and cooling products, during peak demand periods. Members that are enrolled receive event notifications by email. In return they receive incentives for helping us reduce higher wholesale power costs.

43% of MVEC member-owners participate in one or more Energy Wise programs. **Learn more:** www.mvec.net/savings/residential-programs.

Energy Wise Programs

- Electric water heating
- Electric garage heaters
- Air source heat pumps
- In-floor heat
- Electric vehicle charging
- Wi-fi thermostats
- And more!

Pick Your Savings

- Reduced electric rates
- Bill credits
- Rebate offers

Finance Your Project

- Low interest loans
- On bill financing

Did You Know?

Energy Wise programs saved \$10+ million in wholesale power costs in 2025, benefiting all members.

Go Paperless. Blow Away the Clutter.

Sign up for paperless billing and newsletter delivery for a chance to win an electric leaf blower.

Paperless members already enrolled in 2026 and those who sign up during the contest period are automatically entered.

Sign up today through SmartHub or visit www.mvec.net to learn more.



Sign up for your chance to win!
Promotion ends October 10, 2026.

Do You Have Unclaimed Capital Credits?



Capital Credits are one of the benefits of being a member-owner of MVEC. When revenues exceed expenses, margins are allocated to members and returned when financial conditions allow.

Check our unclaimed Capital Credit list to see if money is owed to you.

What to know:

- If you find your name on the list, please contact us to claim your Capital Credits.
- MVEC requests forwarding addresses when members move and makes every effort to locate eligible recipients before funds are considered unclaimed.
- **Former member-owners and heirs will need to claim eligible funds by February 1, 2027.**
- After that date, unclaimed funds may be donated in accordance with state guidelines. In Minnesota, unclaimed capital credits are considered abandoned after seven years and may be used to fund scholarships or other community-focused nonprofit programs. If the funds are not used for these purposes, Minnesota Statute requires that they be turned over to the State of Minnesota.

Learn more about Capital Credits:

www.mvec.net/my-coop/capital-credits/

If you have questions or find your name on the list, contact MVEC at 952.492.2313 or email us at info@mvec.net.



Is your name on the list? Search here:
www.mvec.net/my-coop/capital-credits/

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