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Electric Eye

Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative



A \$1,000 **Operation Round Up** grant helped Eagle Creek Elementary students grow their confidence through teamwork and outdoor experiences at Camp Fire Minnesota.

In the third quarter, ORU distributed \$47,570 in grants to support local organizations making a difference across the co-op's service area.

The Cooperative Difference | CEO Message

When you hear the word cooperative, what comes to mind?

For nearly 90 years, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative has been guided by a simple principle: serving our members who own and govern MVEC and expect safe, reliable, and affordable power. No matter the industry, cooperatives are owned by and accountable to the member-owners they serve – that's the foundation of every cooperative. That local ownership creates a meaningful difference.

Our focus continues to be delivering value to our member-owners. While providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity remains our top priority, our commitment goes beyond the power line. Every decision we make is guided by what's best for our member-owners and the communities we serve.

That local focus allows us to invest in what matters most, from Energy Wise® programs, system improvements, scholarships, community organizations, to local events. These investments help strengthen our communities while delivering value beyond electricity.

The cooperative difference is also found in the Team Members behind the service. It's the lineworker restoring power, the member service representative answering your questions, and the Board of Directors, your neighbors, helping guide the future of MVEC.

“October is National Co-op Month, a time to celebrate the power of cooperation and community. We are proud to be your cooperative and grateful for the trust you place in us.”

MVEC is more than an electric utility. It is a cooperative built by members, owned by members, and dedicated to serving our member-owners.

Together we are powering a strong future.

Cooperatively yours,
Marvin

Win a Gift Basket!



**Celebrate Co-op Month with us,
sign up for a special giveaway!**

Three members, one from each MVEC district, will win a gift basket filled with treats, gift cards and other goodies from local businesses throughout our service area.

mvec.net/our-community/contests-and-promotions/



National Co-op Month

The Co-op Difference in Action



Members joined legislators, community leaders, and energy experts at MVEC's 2026 Energy Forum to discuss affordability, reliability, and the issues shaping Minnesota's energy future.

Electric cooperatives are built differently. MVEC is not owned by outside investors. It's owned by you, our member-owners.

We are guided by seven cooperative principles: **Voluntary & Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, Members' Economic Participation, Autonomy & Independence, Education, Training, & Information, Cooperation Among Cooperatives, and Concern for Community.**

Here are a few ways those principles create value for you:

- **Managing Energy Costs:** Through Energy Wise® load management programs, residential or key account rebates, and practical energy efficiency tools, MVEC connects member-owners with options designed to lower energy use and keep monthly bills manageable. Explore current rebates and energy-saving programs at mvec.net/savings/.
- **One Member, One Vote:** As a member-owner, you have a voice, a vote, and a direct stake in MVEC's success.
- **Keeping You Informed:** From grid reliability to long-term affordability, energy policies continue to evolve. Through our Energy Forum, Annual Meeting, newsletters, and other communications, MVEC provides the information member-owners need to stay informed and engaged.
- **Investing Locally:** Through Operation Round Up®, student scholarships, sponsoring a Youth Tour representative to learn about the cooperative business model in Washington, D.C., and local school safety demonstrations, MVEC continually invests in future leaders, local safety, and non-profit projects that make our neighborhoods stronger. Learn more at mvec.net/our-community.

Electric Heat is Tax-Exempt

Your electric heat bills may be exempt from Minnesota sales tax from November through April if 50 percent or more of your energy use is for electric heating. Separately metered MVEC Energy Wise systems also qualify.



Scan the QR code to file for your exemption. If you've previously filed, your election remains in effect until you notify us otherwise.

https://smarthub.tfaforms.net/f/Sales_Tax_Exemption

Need a Little Extra Comfort?



Mini-split heat pumps are a great way to supplement your home's existing heating and cooling system.

Whether you're conditioning a new addition, garage, basement, or a room that's always too hot or too cold, a mini-split can provide targeted comfort without the need for ductwork, while also providing:

- Lower energy costs with reduced electric rates
- Improved efficiency
- Heating and cooling from one system
- \$300 rebate from MVEC

Learn more at mvec.net/savings/residential-programs/energy-wise-unmetered-cooling-program/



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