

CONTRACTOR INSIGHTS

 STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION | SEPTEMBER 2025

2025 ENERGYWISE® REBATES

QUALITY INSTALL AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP

≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥ 7.5 HSPF2 \$500
2025 CEE Tier 1 Listed \$800

GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP

\$150 / ton (10-ton max.)

NEW DUAL FUEL REBATE

\$200 (9 kW min.)

THERMAL STORAGE SPACE HEATING

\$50 per kW (5 kW min.)

ECM MOTOR (for replacements only)

\$50

POOL HEATING

Pool ASHP \$400
Pool Pump VSD \$200

NEW MARATHON WATER HEATER

(purchased from Stearns Electric)

\$300 80+ gallon on Stored Water or

Peak Shave programs

\$100 50+ gallon on Peak Shave Program

ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

(contractor/member supplied)

\$100 50+ gallon on Stored Water or

Peak Shave programs

HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER

\$300

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER

\$500

WIFI THERMOSTAT

\$25

ENGINE BLOCK HEATER TIMER

\$5

AC TUNE-UP

\$25

ECM WATER HEATER CIRCULATING PUMP

\$50

2025 ENERGY STAR® REBATES

DUCTLESS ASHP

≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥ 7.5 HSPF2 \$300
2025 CEE Tier 1 Listed \$300

REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER

(with recycling of old unit)

\$50

CLOTHES DRYER

\$25

DEHUMIDIFIER

\$25

LED YARD LIGHT (must be 50-100 watts)

\$30

In order to receive the EnergyWise® rebates, members must enroll in the associated program, if applicable.

Visit stearnselectric.org for complete details.



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COOLING.
EFFORTLESS
CLEANING.**

REMINDER: CHECKOUTS FOR ASHP PROMOTION

Stearns Electric Association's 2025 Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) promotion ended on August 31. Please remember to complete your installs and have them ready for checkout before December 31, 2025 to ensure the member gets the promotional rebate. Also, please be sure to test all installations and program thermostats before scheduling a Stearns Electric checkout. Meters are not set, nor rebates given, until all equipment has been tested and checkouts completed.

Thank you to all contractors who promoted ASHPs during the promotional period!

- 19 members enrolled in the ducted ASHP promotion
- 49 members took advantage of the ductless ASHP promotion
- Tomas and Joyce Sedgeman of Sauk Centre (*Joyce pictured above*) won the Roomba vacuum cleaner as part of the promotion
- Blair's Heating and AC, LLC and Engle Electric completed this installation

FALL PROMOTION: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS



CHARGEWISE

- Your EV charges automatically during off-peak hours: 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.
- Save nearly 50% with our EnergyWise® rate.
- Get a \$500 rebate for installing a Level 2 charger at home.

**TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF OUR
SPECIAL OFFER**

Enroll in ChargeWise by December 31 for a chance to win an iRobot Roomba vacuum cleaner.

Members of Stearns Electric receive a \$500 rebate when they install a level 2 vehicle charger and enroll in our ChargeWise Program. Plus, now through December 31, 2025, new ChargeWise enrollees earn a chance to win an iRobot Roomba vacuum cleaner.

EMAIL US!

Reminder: You can email us with general questions or send rebate applications and documentation to energywise@stearnselectric.org.

PREFERRED VENDORS 2025

ELECTRICIANS:

- Absolute Electric
- Beam Electric
- Blue Stone Electric
- Brooten Electric
- Central MN Electric
- Centre Electric
- CN Electric
- Delta Electric
- Electrical Installers
- Essler Electric
- Go Electric LLC
- H & I Electrical LLC
- H & S Heating, AC, Electrical & Plumbing
- Mechanical Energy Systems
- Oak Electric
- Reuter Country Electric
- Sunset Electric
- Torborg Electric
- Whitley Electric

HVAC/PLUMBING CONTRACTORS:

- Advanced Heating & Cooling
- Air Max LLC
- Albany Heating, AC & Service
- Ballou Plumbing & Heating
- Bitz Plumbing & Heating
- Blair's Heating & AC
- Central Heating & AC
- Central Mechanical
- Gilk Services
- H&S Heating, AC, Electrical & Plumbing
- Hommerding Plumbing, Heating & AC
- HVAC Shop
- Kohnen's Heating & AC
- Lyon Sheet Metal & Heating
- Mechanical Brothers LLC
- Mechanical Energy Systems
- Mid Central Heating & AC
- Midwest Refrigeration & HVAC
- Mondloch Inc.
- Mr. Heating & AC
- Norgren Plumbing, LLC
- Precise Refrigeration, Heating & AC
- Schneider Plumbing LLC
- Voss Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- Your Home Heating & AC

THANKS CONTRACTORS!

On May 8, Stearns Electric treated the Contractor Meeting door prize winners to a night of golf at Albany Top Tracer.



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ENERGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT CHANGES



Michelle Christiansen retired from the Cooperative on September 5th after 36 years of service. Congratulations Michelle!



We also welcomed Jaime Traut, energy management electrician to our team in June!

LOAD MANAGEMENT ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

When enrolling a member in a load management program that qualifies for the Dual Fuel EnergyWise® rate, it is crucial to specify the required subtractive metering equipment. We offer two options:

1. **C.T. Subtractive Metering** - best for systems with multiple circuits that need to be metered separately (*i.e., a home with an ASHP and electric boiler.*)
2. **Single-Circuit Subtractive Metering** - ideal for single-circuit applications (*i.e., a home with only an ASHP.*)

Wiring guides are available at stearnselectric.org/contractors.

WINTER LOAD CONTROL STRATEGY

REMINDER: Our wholesale power provider, Great River Energy, adjusts the load control schedule during the winter months for some programs. Please note, starting October 1, the new control time for Stored Water Heating is 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Additionally, Dual Fuel control will take place when the demand for electricity is high. Electric heat can be controlled for a maximum of 400 hours per heating season, with a maximum control time of 12 hours per day.

Please note, there is a 15-minute Cold Load Pickup Control used to slowly bring energy loads back on after a control period. Equipment could be controlled for up to 15 minutes after the control period ends to reduce a rush of energy back to the distribution network. Members are responsible for ensuring the demand response unit has power at all times.

COMVERGE TO DEMAND RESPONSE UNIT UPDATE

The change-out from Comverge to Aclara demand response units (DRUs) continues for Dual Fuel metered sites throughout our service territory.

DRU Conversions Completed:

Dual Fuel Sites - 3,221
Irrigation Sites - 713
Electric Vehicle Charger Sites - 127
Interruptible Gen-Set Sites - 144



ENERGYWISE® RATE COMPARED TO PROPANE

Stearns Electric's Cost Comparison document is a great resource to see the price our members needed to purchase fuel at to beat our EnergyWise® rate for electric heating. View it at stearnselectric.org.

(Link: https://www.stearnselectric.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/CostComparisonCharts_2024.pdf)