



STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

2026 CONTRACTOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Stearns Electric Association offers advertising matching for contractors!
For more information or advertisement approval contact:

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FUNDING AND AVAILABILITY:

- Each contractor within our service territory can receive advertising reimbursements of 50%* of advertising costs, up to \$500, per year for qualifying advertisements.
- Advertising matching is available for pre-approved radio, print and digital advertisements.
- Advertising reimbursement is awarded on a first come, first served basis, while funds are available annually.
- Stearns Electric reserves the right to deny advertising reimbursement if program criteria are not met.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **All advertisements must be pre-approved by Stearns Electric Association.**
- All advertisements must include reference to Stearns Electric Association and reference one of our EnergyWise® programs, current promotions or Cooperative rebates.
- Advertisements cannot include reference to any competing fuels, appliances, companies, utilities or programs.
- All advertisements must be placed between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.
- **All requests for reimbursement must be completed by 4 p.m. December 31, 2026.**

ADVERTISEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE:

- Submit your advertisement to Stearns Electric Association for pre-approval. Contact Whitney Ditlevson, wditlevson@stearnslectric.org or (320) 433-4895, for more information.
- You'll pay for your advertisement initially. Stearns Electric will process a reimbursement check for 50%* of the advertising cost, up to \$500, once we have the needed information from you.
- What should you send us?
 - Emailed request for reimbursement OR fill out Stearns Electric's Contractor Advertisement Reimbursement Request form online.
 - Copy of paid invoice.
 - Ad copy of the pre-approved print advertisement; link to or screenshot of digital advertisement; or a copy of the radio advertisement script and ad listing of exact airtimes.
- Stearns Electric will process your request. Checks will be mailed directly to the applicant.

*based on number of companies in the advertisement.

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