



**Corridor Energy
Cooperative**

Corridor Connections

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR OUR MEMBERS

The Co-op Difference: *What Membership Means For You*

**NATIONAL
CO-OP
MONTH**

October is National Co-op Month, but being part of an electric cooperative matters year-round. From having a voice in who represents you to receiving capital credits and supporting our local communities, the seven cooperative principles guide how Corridor Energy works for you every day.

Sharing Our Success With You

Members' Economic Participation

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we operate at cost and allocate margins back to our members as capital credits. This year, our Board of Directors authorized a \$1 million return in capital credits.

If you received electric service from us in 2025, you got a credit on your September bill based on your energy use that year. It's one of the most tangible benefits of being a member-owner of your electric cooperative.

Giving You A Voice

Democratic Member Control

At a cooperative, members have a voice in who represents them. Each year, members can vote for the Board of Directors, the people responsible for guiding the direction of your cooperative.

We held our annual Board election last month, allowing members to participate in this important part of cooperative ownership. Your vote is one way you can help shape the future of your cooperative.

Investing In The Next Generation

Concern for Community

Our commitment goes beyond providing electricity. Because we live and work here, too, we're invested in helping our communities thrive.

This year, Corridor Energy awarded 12 scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing their next chapter at universities, community colleges, and powerline programs preparing students to become future lineworkers.

Our employees volunteer their time with local nonprofit organizations. We also support our communities through donations to local projects, schools, and organizations, helping strengthen the places our members call home.

Whether we're investing in the next generation, volunteering our time, or supporting local initiatives, it's all part of a cooperative principle we take to heart: Concern for Community.

Your Cooperative, Working for You

Being part of a cooperative means something. You have a voice. You share in our success. And when our communities thrive, we all benefit.

This National Co-op Month, we celebrate you, our members, and the cooperative difference that keeps Corridor Energy powering what matters.

SAVE ENERGY THIS FALL

Prepare Your Home for Cooler Weather – and Lower Energy Bills

Cooler temperatures are on the way, and your heating system will soon work harder to keep your home comfortable. A few simple steps this fall can help prevent wasted energy, improve comfort, and keep your energy use in check when winter arrives.

Give your heating system a head start.

A clean, properly maintained heating system can operate more efficiently. Replace or clean your air filter regularly and consider scheduling a professional tune-up before the winter chill arrives. A well-maintained system doesn't have to work as hard to keep your home comfortable, helping you manage energy use better.

Stop drafts before they cost you.

Small gaps around windows and doors can let warm air escape and cold air enter, making your heating system work harder than necessary. Check for drafts now and seal problem areas with weatherstripping or caulk. This inexpensive improvement can help reduce heat loss and improve your home's energy efficiency.

Make your thermostat work for you.

Fall weather can change quickly—from chilly mornings to warm afternoons. Adjust your thermostat as temperatures change rather than heating or cooling your home more than necessary. On mild days, turn them off altogether and enjoy the energy savings. Smart thermostats can make these adjustments easier by automatically changing temperatures based on your schedule. Even small changes to your thermostat settings add up over the heating season.

Taking a little time this fall can help your home stay comfortable while reducing energy use throughout the colder months.

Remember Safety This HARVEST SEASON

Stay safe this harvest season. Keep electrical safety top of mind when operating farm equipment near power lines.



Know your clearance.

Check the height of your equipment to make sure you have enough clearance.



Be aware of power lines.

Know the location of power poles and lines, including field entry and exit points, and plan a safe route.



Keep your distance.

Maintain at least a 10-foot safety radius around all power lines.



Use a spotter.

Have a spotter when moving tall loads near electrical lines.



Lower equipment.

Lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving equipment.



Never move a line.

Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.



If contact occurs, stay in the cab.

If your equipment contacts a power line, pole, or guy wire, stay in the cab, call 911, and warn others to stay away.



SAFE FARMS.
STRONGER COMMUNITIES.



A Balanced Energy Mix Powers Reliability and Affordability For Our Members

At Corridor Energy Cooperative, providing you with reliable, cost-effective electricity requires more than one source of energy. That's why the power we purchase from Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), our generation and transmission provider, comes from a diverse portfolio of energy resources.

CIPCO's meets our energy needs with a portfolio that includes wind (41.1%), coal (26.9%), interchange power (14.7%), solar (6.7%), other purchases (4.2%), natural gas (3.4%), and hydro and landfill gas (3.0%).

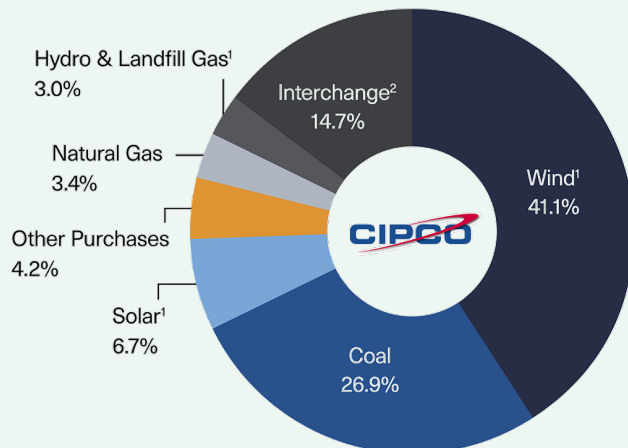
Why does a diverse energy mix matter? Electricity demand changes throughout the day and during periods of extreme heat or cold, while the availability and cost of different generation resources can also change. Maintaining a balanced portfolio helps ensure electricity is available when our members need it while managing costs and supporting long-term reliability.

For Corridor Energy members, a diverse portfolio provides several important benefits:

- **Strengthens reliability.** A variety of resources helps ensure power is available across changing weather, demand and system conditions.
- **Supports affordability.** Using multiple energy sources reduces dependence on any single fuel or resource and helps manage exposure to changing fuel costs and other market conditions.
- **Incorporates renewable energy.** Wind, solar, hydro and landfill gas are part of CIPCO's portfolio. Because wind and solar production varies with weather conditions, other resources remain important for maintaining reliable service around the clock.
- **Helps manage regulatory risk.** A diversified portfolio can reduce exposure to changes affecting individual generation resources and the costs associated with them.
- **Creates additional value.** CIPCO sells renewable energy certificates (RECs) associated with certain renewable resources rather than retiring them. Revenue from those sales helps offset power costs, ultimately benefiting the members we serve.

A BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO

Represents 3,209 GWh requirements for traditional load



¹ CIPCO invests in the development of renewable energy projects in several ways. We operate six small-scale solar arrays near communities we serve and retain the renewable energy certificates associated with each. We also contract with energy producers for the electricity output from wind, solar, hydro, and methane gas from a landfill (converted into electricity). CIPCO cannot claim these resources as renewable within our supply portfolio as we have either sold to third parties or do not receive the renewable attributes associated with the electricity produced from these renewable power sources. By selling these attributes (RECs), we not only support other organizations in meeting their renewable energy goals, we also generate revenue to help us lower our wholesale power rate to our 12 Member-owner distribution cooperatives and 15 municipalities.

² A percentage of market purchases exist within the portfolio to meet additional supply needs not covered by existing contracts or CIPCO-produced generation. Weather volatility and unplanned operational events at power plants may also impact market purchases.

As energy needs and technology continue to evolve, CIPCO continues to evaluate and invest in resources that support a reliable, responsible, and cost-effective power supply.

For Corridor Energy, the goal remains simple: a balanced approach to energy that helps keep the lights on and costs as affordable as possible for our members.



A Brighter Tomorrow, Together

Donate to RECare to help our local neighbors in need.



Helps Local Families

RECare is a crisis fund for our low-income members, helping them pay their electric bills and weatherize their homes.



Makes a Direct Impact

Donations go directly to families in need within our community. All funds are distributed by a local community action agency, with no administrative costs, and donations are tax-deductible.

*Stronger Communities
Brighter Futures*

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Even a small contribution can make a big difference in the lives of local families.

There are several ways to give to RECare:



Sign up through SmartHub on our website or app.



Make a notation on your bill stub.



Contact our office to start, change or discontinue your donation.



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Bread

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups canned pumpkin
- 1-1/2 cups canola oil
- 1-1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

In a large bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. In another large bowl, beat eggs, sugar, pumpkin and oil. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in chocolate chips.

Pour into 2 greased 8x4" loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 60-70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.



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Need Help With Heating Costs This Winter?

The 2026-2027 LIHEAP income guidelines are now available. See if your household may qualify.

The 2026 - 2027 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing.

If you are not sure where to apply you can **Dial 2-1-1**, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/liheap> to locate and contact your local community action agency, or write to: LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Health & Human Services, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

WHEN TO APPLY: Elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled: Oct. 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027. All other households: Nov. 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027

WHAT TO TAKE:

- Proof of Income** (for all household members age 18 and over)
Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you.
- Proof of Social Security Numbers for all household members** (doc required)
- Most recent heat bill**
- Most recent electric bill**

WAGE EARNERS: Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIXED INCOME: This income may include Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veteran's Assistance, and pensions. Please provide copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS: Please provide a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

Note - Additional countable income and/or income verification not listed above may be required for eligibility determination.

LIHEAP INCOME MAXIMUMS

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps income-eligible households with winter heating costs.



Household Size	Annual Gross Income Maximum
1	\$31,920
2	\$43,280
3	\$54,640
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,360
6	\$88,720
7	\$100,080
8	\$111,440

For households with more than eight members, add \$11,360 for each additional member.



LIHEAP can make a difference this winter.

Contact your local community action agency to learn more and see if you qualify.

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