

8 NEWS VIEWS

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Move Over Iowa: You can help make Iowa's roadways safer.

Iowa's electric cooperatives are committed to the safety of our employees and member-consumers. We fully support Iowa's Move Over or Slow Down law and we encourage motorists to move over or slow down (preferably both) when approaching utility vehicles on the side of the road with flashing lights activated.

Please give our employees the room they need to work safely; their jobs are dangerous enough already.

In accordance with Iowa state law, motorists must move over or slow down when approaching ANY vehicle stopped on the side of the road with its flashing lights activated, including passenger cars with hazard lights. Those who fail to obey the law could receive a traffic ticket or even lose their driver's license.



Remind New Drivers About This Law

Learn more about Iowa's Move Over or Slow Down law at iowadot.gov/rules



Thank you to everyone who attended the Member Appreciation Event in St. Ansgar on July 29th!

You can find photos and prize winners on our Facebook page and in the September newsletter.

**2 KIDS
IN COLLEGE
\$115,000
MORTGAGE**

**RESTORING
POWER TO
THE
COMMUNITY**

**BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S
YOU I'M WORRIED ABOUT.**

HIS JOB IS DANGEROUS ENOUGH. The last thing he needs is for you to drive into his utility truck because you ignored the flashing lights, cones and signs. When you see utility crews at work, slow down and move over. *You have the power to protect a life.*

**MOVE OVER
SLOW DOWN**





Providing members with safe, reliable, affordable electricity and enhancing the quality of life for members and their local communities.

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Visit Iowa's Electric Cooperatives at the Fair

If you're planning a visit to the Iowa State Fair from August 8-18, make sure to stop by and see Iowa's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives® in the air-conditioned 4-H Exhibits Building on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds.

Electric co-op staff from across the state will hand out plastic hard hats and suckers for the kids while supplies last. Kids can also try on lineworker safety gear and take fun photos in our co-op safety selfie station. Tag us on social media - we'd love to see you enjoying the fair!

**CONSIDERING SOLAR?
Make us your first call.**

Our team is well-versed in both the pros and cons of solar installations and can help you make an informed decision and navigate the process of connecting your system to the electric grid.



DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Solar installations are a significant investment. We can help you get a clear understanding of your investment, your project's expected annual energy production and its corresponding value.

LOCATION MATTERS

Choosing the right location to install solar panels on your property is essential, as is the decision between a roof or ground-mounted system. Roof design, soil types, and distance between the array and an interconnection site are all relevant factors.

CORRECT SIZING

Your home's average energy use will be reflected in your bills from the previous year, but *how much* energy you use isn't the only thing to consider. *When* you use energy is also important. Improving your home's energy efficiency may also affect the size of the solar array you will need.

We're ready to answer your questions and help you make an informed decision for your home or business.

Monthly Quiz

\$25 Bill Credit Winners:
Michelle Chambers, Osage

This Month's Question:
What is one factor to think about when considering installing solar at your home or business?

Quiz Guidelines

Each member who sends in the correct answer by the 20th of the month will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit. Mail or email quiz answers to energy@heartlandpower.com.