

SPD Newsletter

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LIGHTING THE WAY

We Are Setting the Bar High in 2018!

As we begin a new year, we are excited to embark upon new goals to help us meet and exceed your expectations! In recent years, we have seen tremendous changes in the electric industry. New technology has emerged that has touched nearly every facet in our service to you! We have several high-level goals as we work toward achieving our mission for excellent service:

- *We will keep our employees, customers and the public safe through our commitment to health and safety awareness.*
- *We will offer innovative energy solutions and services at rates that are some of the lowest in Nebraska.*
- *We will continue to upgrade our utility infrastructure to provide reliable service and to meet growing demands.*
- *We will continue to implement new technology that will streamline our metering, billing and load management systems.*
- *We will be fiscally responsible, controlling costs and keeping the District financially sound.*
- *We will expand our communication tools to be more user friendly, including a new website and expanded use of social media.*

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the District is...

To be responsive to the customer.

To provide superior customer service.

To listen to the customer to determine what level of service and which services are desired.

To provide that level of service at a valued price as perceived by our customers.

To achieve our goals while prioritizing the safety of our workers, customers and the public.

To always attempt to improve.

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE TEAM



Front Row: Aaron Brown, Engineering/Operations Manager; Sam Reinke, Marketing/Energy Service Manager; Neal Niedfeldt, President/CEO; Anthony Bohaty, Irrigation Services Manager. Back Row: Jack Welch, Information Technology Manager; LeAnne Doose, Public Relations Manager; Brad Kool, Chief Financial Officer.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Southern will continue to offer a wide range of energy efficiency incentives for the upcoming year. We have several opportunities available to help you in your efforts to make your home, irrigation system or business operate with optimum energy efficiency.

FOR YOUR HOME



HIGH EFFICIENCY HEAT PUMP

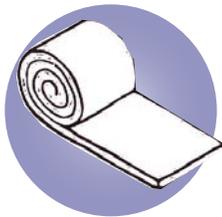
Available to customers who convert or upgrade their existing heating and cooling system to an energy efficient, qualified air or ground source heat pump.

COOLING SYSTEM TUNE-UP

Incentive of \$30 for a cooling system tune-up by an HVAC contractor, once every three years.

HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER

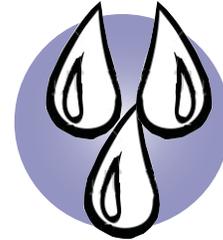
Available to customers who replace an electric water heater with a heat pump water heater. These units provide twice as much hot water from each kilowatt-hour of electricity consumed as compared to a standard water heater.



ATTIC INSULATION

If you have six inches or less insulation in your attic, add at least six inches of R-19 and receive an incentive. Incentive of 15 cents per square foot, maximum incentive amount of \$300 per existing residential dwelling. Incentive is available to customers in electrically heated homes, or with a dual fuel heat pump.

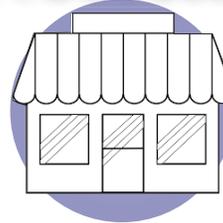
FOR YOUR IRRIGATION



CUSTOM IRRIGATION & VFD CORNER SYSTEM

This program seeks to help irrigators utilize water and electric energy in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. Operating costs can be managed better with investments in energy efficient technologies and practices.

FOR YOUR BUSINESS



COMMERCIAL LIGHTING

Lighting technologies developed in the past ten years can help cut your lighting costs 30 to 60 percent while enhancing lighting quality and reducing environmental impacts.

OTHER COMMERCIAL INCENTIVES

Commercial HVAC
HVAC System Optimization

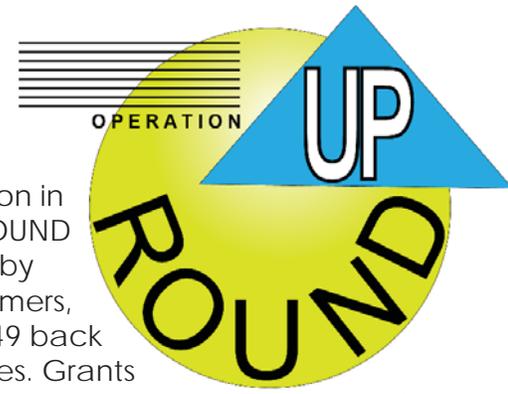
For complete incentive information for your home, irrigation system or business, visit our website at www.southernpd.com. Further questions can be addressed to Sam Reinke at Southern Power District.

SmartHub Account Management

SmartHub is a customer self-serve solution that allows you to manage your SPD accounts with mobile and web apps in a secure environment. With this app you can easily view your billing, usage and payment history, pay your bill, submit your meter reading and all in a paperless format. Sign up from our website at www.southernpd.com.



ROUND UP PROGRAM MAKES STRONG LOCAL IMPACT



Since its inception in 2014, Operation ROUND UP, made possible by participating customers, has placed \$144,049 back into our communities. Grants have been awarded to a wide range of projects and efforts. Below is an overview of where the funds have been distributed since the program's beginning.

ADAMS COUNTY

\$31,395

- Campgrounds
- 7 Volunteer Fire Depts.
- 2 Ball Fields & Facilities
- Fitness Center
- Playground Equipment
- FFA Hydroponic Facility
- Literacy Program
- Community Center
- School Robotics Club
- Quilters Guild
- Career Development Program

FRANKLIN COUNTY

\$18,655

- 4 Volunteer Fire Depts.
- 2 Playgrounds
- American Legion Facility
- County Hospital
- 2 Community Centers

HALL COUNTY

\$17,100

- SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS INCLUDE:**
- 5 Volunteer Fire Depts.
 - Daycare/Preschool
 - Event Center
 - Performing Arts Club
 - Eagle Scout Community Project
 - Boy Scout Troop
 - Playground

KEARNEY COUNTY

\$19,325

- SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS INCLUDE:**
- 2 Volunteer Fire Depts.
 - 2 Community Libraries
 - 2 School Robotics/Tech Clubs
 - County Hospital
 - Quilting Foundation
 - Child Care Center
 - Village Cemetery
 - Opera House
 - Agriculture Society

HAMILTON COUNTY

\$24,915

- SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS INCLUDE:**
- 3 Volunteer Fire Depts.
 - Science Education Center
 - Tennis Facility
 - 2 Community Centers
 - School Booster Project
 - Child Care Center
 - Agriculture Society
 - Eagle Scout Project
 - Museum/Historical Society
 - RC Raceway

MERRICK COUNTY

\$12,159

- SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS INCLUDE:**
- Youth Council
 - Walking Trail
 - Therapeutic Riding Academy
 - Community Park
 - 2 Volunteer Fire Depts.
 - Child Care Center
 - Local Theater
 - Campground

PHELPS COUNTY

\$20,500

- SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS INCLUDE:**
- 3 Park Playgrounds
 - 3 Volunteer Fire Depts.
 - Baseball Field
 - Youth Center
 - Agriculture Society

Learn more about project eligibility:
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Electrical Safety: Space Heaters

As winter moves forward, you may consider using an electric space heater for additional warmth. If you use one of these units, we'd like to remind you of some very important safety tips in order to prevent accidents or injury.



1. Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and UL approved. Make sure the unit is equipped with an emergency tip-over shut-off feature and heating element guards. Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.
2. Before using a space heater, make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition.
3. Check to make sure the heater is clean and in good condition, and have all problems professionally repaired.
4. Place the heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface—NOT on carpets, furniture or counter-tops.
5. Space heaters have one purpose—to provide supplemental heating. Never use them to thaw pipes, cook food, or dry clothing or towels.
6. Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from combustible liquids like fuel, spray cans and paint, as well as flammable items such as draperies, blankets and sofas.
7. Never allow pets or children near an electric heater. Accidental contact could result in serious shock or burns.
8. Do not overload circuits. Never use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater, and make sure the unit is not plugged into the same circuit as other electric appliances.
9. If your space heater is plugged into a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) and it trips, don't assume there is something wrong with the GFCI. Immediately stop using the heater until a professional can check it—if not, a serious shock could occur.
10. Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.
11. Replace older space heaters with newer, safer models.

TOSCANA SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 links spicy pork sausage, sliced
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 3/4 C. diced onion
- 1 1/4 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 T. chicken soup base
- 4 C. water
- 2 potatoes, halved and sliced
- 2 C. sliced kale
- 1/3 C. heavy cream



PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.
2. Place sausage links on a baking sheet and bake 25 minutes, or until cooked through. Slice into 1/2 inch slices.
3. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Saute onions until translucent; add garlic and cook 1 minute.
4. Stir in broth, water and potatoes; simmer 15 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to low and add sausage, kale and cream; simmer until heated through and serve.