

Save Money, Save Energy

Looking to save a few dollars? OPPD's Save Money, Save Energy Program can help:

Smart Thermostat

Switching to a smart thermostat is a smart move, filled with benefits and savings. When you enroll your smart thermostat with OPPD, you'll receive a \$75 one-time bill credit, plus an additional \$20 every year you participate.



HVAC Smart Rebates

You can claim hundreds of dollars in rebates when you buy a new, high-efficiency air conditioner or

heat pump. The rebate amount depends on a unit's Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) rating: the higher the rating, the larger the rebate, up to \$700. Rebates are also available for multi-family units.

Cool Smart Program

Cool Smart is an easy way to reduce your electricity bill. OPPD attaches a free, small device to your home's exterior. The device runs your air conditioner or heat pump in 15-minute intervals during peak energy use times. Participants receive a one-time \$30 bill credit, plus an additional \$20 annual credit every September.

HVAC Tune-Up Rebates

Routine, preventative HVAC maintenance can help identify issues before they cause equipment failures. Tune-ups also ensure your system your system is running efficiently,



saving as much as 10% annually on energy costs. OPPD will also issue you a \$25 rebate for routine maintenance when you schedule service through a certified HVAC contractor.

Certified High Performance Home Rebates

An energy-efficient, new-construction home allows you to reduce your carbon footprint, maximize energy savings and qualify for up to \$250 in OPPD rebates.

For details on every program, visit oppd.com/save.

A limited time smart thermostat offer

OPPD is offering discounted and even free smart thermostats through the end of 2024 when you enroll in the OPPD Smart Thermostat Program.

These Wi-Fi enabled devices can learn your household patterns and automatically adjust heating and cooling systems for an energy-efficient environment.

For control over your comfort and

savings when you're not at home, simply order a smart thermostat, install your device and enroll in the Smart Thermostat Program. When you enroll within 10 weeks of your device shipping date, you'll receive a rebate on your device up to \$100.

Limited devices area available. If enrollment is not completed within 10 weeks of the device shipping

date, a \$100 charge will appear on your next OPPD bill. Customers are eligible to purchase one smart thermostat per household. Those who have previously received a free smart thermostat are not eligible for this program. All orders will ship monthly throughout the duration of this promotion.

For more information, visit thermostat.oppd.com.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 14 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 16, 5 p.m. (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on oppd.com/BoardMeeting.

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OPPD embraces newer, more efficient ways to connect homes

With rapid population growth in eastern Nebraska, OPPD and housing developers are finding faster and easier ways to extend reliable electrical service to new neighborhoods.

One significant upgrade is “front lot ducted service,” where housing developers install duct systems – essentially a 4-inch PVC pipe – in front yards to hold OPPD wires. In previous years, OPPD buried wires in backyards.

The new process gives developers and contractors more control over their schedules, saves them money and reduces the amount of time OPPD has to spend setting up service and fixing problems.



Homes have used underground cable for about 70 years. Many utilities, including OPPD, placed electrical equipment in backyards because homes traditionally had easily accessible alleys behind them. Backyards were simpler and easier to navigate,

with fewer swimming pools and privacy fences and less elaborate landscaping.

Now, backyard utility equipment is often hidden behind plants, outdoor furniture and other decorations. Some homeowners bury electrical equipment, making it even harder for OPPD workers to maintain.

Front-yard ducted systems are already widely used in many large American cities, such as Denver, Austin and St. Louis. The ducts are buried four feet deep, with a connection point between a home and underground lines that utility workers can easily access.

Ensuring resilient, reliable power

With growing demand for power and the need to prepare for extreme weather, OPPD and other utilities are taking some important steps to preserve a resilient and reliable power supply.

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) recently approved increases to the planning reserve margins that member utilities, including OPPD, must maintain in their daily operations.

Planning reserve margins represent the amount of power utilities must have available beyond peak projected demand to guard against unplanned situations or stresses on the regional power grid.

For the first time, the new reserve-margin requirements will vary by



season. OPPD and other utilities in the SPP will need to have enough generating capacity to serve their peak consumption, plus an additional 36% planning reserve margin in winter and 16% margin in the summer. The new requirements go into effect starting in summer 2026.

The change will help OPPD and

other utilities prepare for situations when certain types of generation aren't available during crucial moments, such as major cold fronts or heat waves.

OPPD has been preparing for the increased requirements since 2019. That's when the utility launched the Power with Purpose initiative to boost its generation

capabilities to maintain reliability and resiliency and serve customers' growing needs.

OPPD plans to add 2.5 gigawatts of new generation over the next decade, nearly doubling its nameplate capacity.

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