



Coggon Municipal

Light Plant

Since 1928

Lines

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Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm

COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION PROCESS

If you have a complaint that is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and the Coggon Municipal Light Plant does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling (515) 725-7321, or toll-free 1-877-565-4450, by writing to :

1375 E. Court Ave. Rm. 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or by E-mail to customr@iub.iowa.gov.



Fall & Winter Energy Saving Tips

Cooler weather, shorter days, and falling leaves don't have to go hand in hand with rising electric bills. There are several things you can do to get ready for winter and save money and energy.

- ◆ Air leaks in your home not only cause uncomfortable drafts but waste energy. Reducing air leaks could cut 10% from an average household's monthly energy bill. The most common places where air escapes homes are: floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplaces, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans, vents and electrical outlets.
- ◆ Weatherize your home by caulking and weather-stripping all doors and windows.
- ◆ Cover through-the-wall or window air conditioners to prevent cold air from leaking into your home.
- ◆ Close the fireplace damper when not in use. It's also a good time to have your chimney cleaned and inspected.
- ◆ Insulate or increase the amount of insulation in your attic, basement and outside walls.

Heating System

- ◆ Don't block your radiators or heating vents with furniture or draperies. Keep your radiators, registers and baseboard heaters dirt and dust free.
- ◆ Have your heating system serviced once a year by a certified technician.
- ◆ Regularly replace heating system filters, as often as every 30 days. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy use.
- ◆ Shut the door and vents to unused rooms.

Thermostat

- ◆ Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees when you are home and lower the temperature when you go to bed or when you are not home. This will ensure optimal home heating and save energy. For every degree you lower the thermostat you save about 2 % off your heating bill.
- ◆ A programmable thermostat can help tailor the temperature to your schedule.

Windows

- ◆ Use locks on your windows to make them tighter and draft resistant.
- ◆ If you have drafty windows, apply clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months to reduce air filtration.
- ◆ Keep shades and curtains open during the day on the south side of your home to let in free heat from the sun. Close them at night to retain heat and keep the winter chill out of your home.
- ◆ A storm door, as well as storm windows, can add an extra barrier of protection from the cooler temperatures and winds.

Water Heating

- ◆ Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees F to save money on your energy bill. If you have children in the house, this is also a safety measure.
- ◆ Install low-flow shower heads and faucets.
- ◆ Use the energy saving setting on your dishwasher and washing machine. Run the machines with full loads. Wash clothes in cold water.

Lighting

- ◆ Turn off lights when not in use.
- ◆ Replace your most-used incandescent lamps with compact fluorescent lamps, which use 75% less energy and lasts about 10 times longer. LED lamps offer similar savings and longer life.

Street Lights

If you notice that a street light within Coggon city limits is not working, please call the Light Plant office to report the light. Non working street lights can also be reported on our website.

Tree Trimming Notice

Tree trimming, as you know is an ongoing battle. We, at the Coggon Light Plant, are especially concerned about the trees that may interfere or hinder the electrical service to the citizens of Coggon. If you have or possibly know of a tree that may interfere with the power lines, please contact the light plant office to report it. Thank you!



When to Use Iowa One Call:

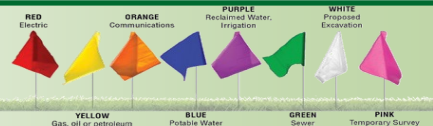
Anytime you plant to excavate.

- * Putting up a fence or clothes line
- * Pounding stakes or posts into the ground
- * Planting trees or shrubs
- * Building a patio, home addition, deck or foundation
- * Replacing or putting in a new driveway or sidewalk
- * Terracing or landscaping
- * Installing a septic system or water drainage system
- * While normal residential gardening **does not** require prior notification, notify Iowa One Call before installing a new garden or using power equipment such as garden tillers.

When you call 811, your underground electric facilities will be marked with paint and/or flags. Placing this call also notifies other utilities that may have buried services on your property. Iowa law applies to professional contractors as well as homeowners.

Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself, disrupt service, and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

Call 811 or visit www.iowaonecall.com to start an online locate request.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTION FUND

Did you know that YOU along with the Coggon Municipal Light Plant can help your less fortunate neighbors pay their heating bills? Coggon Cares is a Customer Contribution Fund that allows you to help by adding a regular contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to the fund. These funds are distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs. Those individuals who qualify for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Coggon Cares to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitable and efficiently. Your contribution is voluntary, flexible, and tax-deductible. If at any time you would like to contribute to the fund, please call the office at 319-435-2436 or stop by and complete the necessary form. Thank you.

2022-2023 IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ATTENTION: RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS NEED HELP WITH YOUR HEATING BILL?

The 2022-2023 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, Dial 2-1-1, or visit <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> to contact your local community action agency, or write to:

LIHEAP
Iowa Department of Human Rights
Capitol Complex
Des Moines, IA 50319

INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260

For households with more than eight members, add \$9,440 for each additional member.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- **Elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled:**
October 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023
- **All other households:**
November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

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** (documentation 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, Unemployment Insurance, and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS:

Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

If you receive alimony or child support, it will also need to be verified. Additional income not listed here may be required.

