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Enjoy Peace of Mind Knowing Help is Just a Press of a Button Away with a

FirstCall Emergency **Response System**

by Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative

By pressing a water-resistant pendant worn around the neck or wrist, clients are able to receive help from a trained emergency response operator, available 24/7.



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Load Management Test for Dual-Fuel Electric Heating

If you participate in ACEC's interruptible heating program (also known as dual fuel or load management), your system will be tested on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, beginning at 6:55 a.m., with restoration completed by 11 a.m.

The electricity powering your electric heating system will be interrupted during this time and cause your backup heating system to operate.

This annual test is conducted to ensure your backup heating system is working and will adequately keep your home at a comfortable temperature during control periods this winter. This test also ensures the control equipment is functioning properly.

If you have any questions about the load control event or about your dual fuel account, contact Ryan Wagner at 888-788-1551.

Online Control Status

Did you know you can check the status of load control from the convenience of your home or phone? Visit www.acrec.com and click on Load Control Status at the top right.

ERGY EFFICIENCY

If you're heading out of town during the holiday season, remember to set your home to vacation mode. You can save energy while you're away by lowering your thermostat a few degrees or creating an "away" schedule with a smart or programmable thermostat. Newer water heaters include a vacation mode setting to help you save on water heating costs, or you can simply lower the temperature manually.

Small actions can also stack up to energy savings. Unplug devices that consume energy when they're not in use. including phone chargers, toothbrush chargers, TVs and gaming consoles.



Ready Your Home **FOR WINTER**

Prepare your home for winter now to ensure safety, efficiency and comfort. Here's a checklist you can use.



INSPECT HEATING SYSTEM:

- Have your heating system professionally serviced.
- Replace air filters if needed.
- Ensure vents and radiators are unblocked for efficient heat distribution.

TEST AND MAINTAIN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Test detectors to ensure they function properly.

PREPARE PIPES AND WATER SUPPLY:

- Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Drain and shut off outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Know the location of water shut-off valve in case of emergency.

PREPARE YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR:

- Clear gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- Trim trees away from the house to avoid damage.
- Ensure downspouts extend away from the foundation.
- Service and store equipment such as lawnmowers and trimmers.
- Gather winter tools such as snow shovels and ice melt.

INCREASE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- Seal gaps at windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise to circulate warm air.
- Lower your thermostat a few degrees to save on heating costs.

