

## MAKE SAVING ENERGY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Engage with your kids and help everyone learn more about energy efficiency – visit our e-SMARTkids site! MidAmerican Energy's e-SMARTkids website helps kids, teachers and parents learn about energy efficiency using amazing interactive games, lesson plans and an Ask an Expert section. Becoming e-SMART means learning about electricity and how to use it safely and wisely, and the e-SMARTkids site makes those lessons fun and engaging. Kids can play the Eco-Racer racing game, where you can design a race car and charge it with renewable energy. The Stop the Guzzler game helps kids understand that the more energy that is wasted, the Guzzler will get bigger and they must turn off the energy wasters before he gets too big. Kids are encouraged to ask the energy expert any question on energy and to become a member of the e-SMARTkids game club, where they have special access to energy-saving calculators and learn how much energy their family can save by doing a few simple things around the house.

Visit the e-SMARTkids website at [www.midamericanenergy.com/esmart](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/esmart) and make saving energy fun for the whole family!

# e-SMARTkids

### RENEWABLE ADVANTAGE QUARTERLY REPORT

At the end of June 2017, MidAmerican Energy's Renewable Advantage program had 657 monthly contributors and 6,216 one-time or periodic contributors. On average, monthly contributors gave \$3.45 and one-time or periodic contributors gave \$15.83. Thank you to all who contributed! Iowa customers can help support renewable energy by using the check boxes on their bill stubs January through October. To learn more about Renewable Advantage, visit [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com).

## HAVE A SAFE, PLENTIFUL HARVEST

Harvest season is one of the most dangerous times of the year for farmers. Extreme caution should be used when operating machinery near power lines. The risk of electrocution around grain-handling equipment and storage areas – particularly when portable augers are used – is extremely high.

- ▶ Know the required clearances near your grain bins to make sure the wiring on your property is compliant.
- ▶ Lower augers to transport level when near power lines. Know the height of your cultivator or planter in the fold-up position; the equipment may be taller than it is during field use.
- ▶ Always make sure your auger system has a good ground connection.
- ▶ If your tractor comes in contact with a power line, remain seated until help arrives. If there is danger of fire, jump as far away from the tractor as you can, keep your feet together as you land, and shuffle as you move away without lifting either foot off the ground.
- ▶ Do not allow yourself to be in contact with the ground and the equipment at the same time. Many electrocutions occur when the operator dismounts safely and then tries to climb back on.

The proximity of grain bins to overhead power lines is an important issue. Power line clearance requirements as defined by the National Electrical Safety Code must be observed and respected for both new construction and existing facilities. To learn more about NESC requirements, visit <http://standards.ieee.org/about/nesc/> or call 800-678-4333.

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## NOTHING COMPARES TO OUR STATE FAIR!

It's an Iowa tradition that has made headlines around the world – the one and only Iowa State Fair! MidAmerican Energy is proud to be part of this annual event that brings more than 1 million visitors to the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. At this year's fair, we're celebrating the many ways Iowa is leading the way when it comes to technology, innovation and renewable energy.

Stop by our Visitors Center, located at the base of our wind turbine at the top of Expo Hill, throughout the fair to learn more about our renewable energy efforts and our support of energy savings and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education around the state. There's a great schedule of activities for your whole family both in our Visitors Center and at the MidAmerican Energy stage all 10 days of the state fair. Visit the Iowa State Fair website at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org) for the complete listings.

If you can't make it to this year's state fair, follow along on the MidAmerican Energy Facebook and Twitter pages for all the latest videos, photos and updates. Plus, we post information year-round about energy savings, energy safety and community events to help all our customers make the most of life in the Midwest.



## POWER OF INFORMATION – IN YOUR IN BOX

Have you subscribed to our Power+ email newsletter? We send regular updates designed to help you save money, energy and time, plus keep you and your family safer when it comes to severe weather and energy usage. Our last Power+ featured key electrical safety tips, an informational video about managing your MidAmerican Energy account online, and a chance to win a free weather radio. To subscribe, create a My Account at [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com) and select *Email | Text Alerts* from the left-hand navigation menu to update your contact information.



▲ The Panther Caravan



▲ My Waterloo Days



▲ The Des Moines Arts Festival



▲ Saturday in the Park

## OBSESSIVELY, RELENTLESSLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

We've had a great time this spring and summer, meeting many of you across our service area at some really fun events! Here are just a few of the events that we've been proud to be part of so far this year:

- ▶ We were proud to sponsor the first-ever Lighted Boat Parade at My Waterloo Days!
- ▶ Saturday in the Park in Sioux City, an annual outdoor music festival, brought artists like Joss Stone, JOHNNYSWIM and Sioux City natives Port Nocturnal for a day-long event that drew more than 25,000 people from around the Midwest.
- ▶ The Panther Caravan celebrated UNI athletics across the state this spring, with stops in Quad Cities, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Waterloo.
- ▶ The Des Moines Arts Festival featured our Boom Art! display, where young artists got a chance to showcase their skills on art pieces held up by one of our MidAmerican Energy bucket trucks.

## STAY SAFE AS THE SEASONS CHANGE



As the seasons change across the Midwest, the things you need to keep in mind about your energy use change too. Here are some safety tips to remember as we move into autumn:

- ▶ **GET A SENSOR.** When the weather gets colder, your furnace will run and your windows will be closed. Install a carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms to alert you to dangerous levels.
- ▶ **SERVICE YOUR FURNACE.** Schedule a service appointment now with a qualified heating technician to make sure your furnace operates safely and efficiently this winter.
- ▶ **CHECK THE CHIMNEY.** Inspect your chimney to make sure it's unobstructed. Because many furnaces vent into the chimney, it must be free of debris to allow gases to vent to the outside atmosphere. If you'll be burning wood in a fireplace, have your chimney inspected to make sure it's in good condition and free of buildup.
- ▶ **CLEAR THE AREA.** Keep the area around your furnace clear for good air circulation. Keep all flammable materials like clothing, cardboard boxes, paint thinners, fuels and solvents far away from the furnace.
- ▶ **LOOK UP.** When cleaning gutters, installing storm windows, picking apples or harvesting fall crops, make sure you avoid overhead power lines. Before you start working, look up from your work area to locate any overhead power lines. Then stay clear of electrical lines as you work.
- ▶ **KEEP SAFE WITH ADEQUATE LIGHTING.** As days grow shorter, make sure your outdoor lighting is in good working order. Adequate lighting can help protect you against crime and falls or accidents caused by darkness. Inspect fixtures and outlets for weather damage and replace burnt-out bulbs.

For more information on staying safe around energy year-round, follow MidAmerican Energy on Facebook and Twitter.

## DON'T LET SCAMMERS INTO YOUR ACCOUNT!

Managing your home's energy needs online through My Account is quick and easy. If you hand over the details of your MidAmerican Energy account, it can be just as quick and easy for scammers to gain access to your information. Please be cautious if anyone asks you for personal information or details, including information about your MidAmerican Energy account. For more information on how to protect yourself from scammers, visit our website, click on *Newsroom* and look for *Beware of Scams*.

