



People's Energy Cooperative

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Power Outage Restoral Efforts Continue

ORONOCO, MN, December 17, 2021 (6:45 AM) — People's Energy Cooperative is continuing restoral efforts to members in our service territory still without power from the extreme weather event Wednesday evening. Overnight, available crews restored 264 outages. This morning, twelve crews are being dispatched throughout our service territory, including two contractor crews and four from neighboring electric cooperatives. As of 6:45 am, there are still 2,000 members without power. Some outages aren't reporting accurately on the outage map on our website due to a communication tower that was also damaged by the wind.

Using a home generator? Make sure to review the following tips for proper generator safety:

- Keep generators away from water.
- Never use a generator inside.
- Always let the generator cool down before refueling.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors and ensure they are properly working.
- Don't operate your generator without a transfer switch that has been installed by a licensed electrician. Improperly connected generators can cause back feed on our primary line, which can cause serious, and potentially fatal, consequences for lineworkers.
- Notify the Cooperative about your home generator so we can add it to our electronic mapping system.

Please use caution and stay away from downed power lines and give our crews plenty of room to work.

“The nature of the damage our lineworkers are encountering makes it difficult to restore power. Our crews are diligently working despite this and will continue to restore power.” Stated President and CEO, Mike Henke. “We continue to thank our members for their patience and understanding as they wait for power to be restored.”

Continued status updates will be provided through our [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Any new power outages should be reported through SmartHub, outage texting (if you are registered), or by calling 800-214-2694.

About People's Energy Cooperative

[People's Energy Cooperative](#) is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating over 85 years of delivering electric power to its nearly 20,000 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative and member-owner in the Dairyland Power System of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois).

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