

The Safety Hazard Repair Program

1. You received a Safety Hazard letter and Safety Hazard Repair Program information from Northwestern REC. Repairs must be done within **30 days**.
2. Complete an application for the Program at the United Way of Western Crawford Co. Only residential members who are at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible (please refer to the graphic on the back of the brochure for reference).
3. Obtain a list of participating contractors from the United Way for an estimate from a licensed and insured electrician.
4. Once your application has been approved, the United Way will notify you and your contractor that work can begin.
5. After the work is complete and has passed inspection, the United Way will submit payment to the contractor (up to \$2,500 and anything above you will be responsible to cover).

Please remember, it is a law to call PA One Call at 811 BEFORE any digging is done.

2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines (x 250%) for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Family Size	Gross Yearly Income	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$37,138	\$3,138
2	\$51,100	\$4,259
3	\$64,550	\$5,380
4	\$78,000	\$6,500
5	\$91,450	\$7,621
6	\$104,900	\$8,742
7	\$118,350	\$9,863
8	\$131,800	\$10,984
Over 8 add per child	+\$13,450	+\$1,121

Source: All the above data was extrapolated from the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for 2025 as released in January 2024, in the *Federal Register*.

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Safety Hazard Repair Program



Home Safe Home



The Safety Hazard Repair Program was designed to provide financial assistance for Northwestern REC residential members who are required to repair an electrical safety hazard that has been identified by the Co-op.

What is considered a Safety Hazard?

Occasionally, line crews will come across various residential safety hazards while out in the field. Examples of such hazards include:

- an overhead service entrance that has frayed covering or exposed wires
- an underground service entrance that has damaged conduit
- any service entrance that has been torn from the house
- a meter base or socket that has been damaged
- a trailer/pole service

How does the Program work?

First, the member has to be notified by letter that a safety hazard has been identified and needs to be repaired. Once notified, the member has 30 days to make the necessary repairs.

If approved through the program, you must use one of our participating contractors.

Members who qualify for the Safety Hazard Repair Program are eligible to receive up to \$2,500 for the hazard repairs.

Who can qualify for the Program?

Only residential members (homeowners) can qualify for the Safety Hazard Repair Program. Renters — please inform your landlord.

Members who are at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level will qualify for the Safety Hazard Repair Program. Eligibility for this program is determined by the United Way of Western Crawford County, 415 Chestnut St., Meadville; 814-337-1251.

What is covered by the Program?

Any outdoor work, up to and including the panel box, that is considered the responsibility of the homeowner, as well as the inspection fee, will be applied to the Program.

Examples of member equipment covered:

- Upper/lower entrance cables
- Meter base
- Weatherhead
- Service Mast
- Pedestal service
- Panel
- Main breaker

What is not covered by the Program?

Any work that is required inside the home beyond the panel box is not covered by the program.

To apply or for more information:

If you have received a Hazard Letter from Northwestern REC and would like to apply for the Safety Hazard Repair Program, call to schedule an appointment with United Way of Western Crawford County at **(814) 337-1251**.

The number one goal at Northwestern REC is safety. Your safety at home and the safety of our employees.



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