MANAGE YOUR BILL
WITH BUDGET BILLING

JANUARY 2026

PLUGGED IN

MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER UPDATES



The budget billing program is a free service offered to all residential customers designed to help you avoid unpredictable utility bills and make balancing your budget a little easier.

Your monthly budget amount is based on the average of your actual bill charges during the previous 12 months. Any expected increase in the cost of electricity is also calculated into the monthly payment when you enroll in the program. We continue to read your meter every month and your utility bill will show how much energy you used, the actual bill amount and the balance on your account. Some months you will pay less for what you actually used and some months you will pay more.

If you would like more information, or are interested in budget billing, please call our office at (563) 652-6891.

STAY WARM THIS WINTER

Take action with some simple, budget-friendly ways to reduce your energy use this winter, cutting down on heating expenses.

- Embrace the sunshine by keeping blinds and drapes open during the daytime.
- Seal gaps and insulate windows and doors to keep a cozy temperature indoors.
- Schedule regular maintenance for your furnace and check and change furnace filters every 30 days. A clean furnace filter keeps your furnace from having to work harder to heat your home.
- For the greatest savings, use a programmable thermostat every degree you lower it trims your heating bill by 1%.

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DURING BUSINESS HOURS WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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TREE TRIMMING
FOR SAFE & RELIABLE POWER

WE TAKE PRIDE IN PROVIDING MAQUOKETA WITH SAFE, RELIABLE POWER.

To keep our neighborhoods and community safe, Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility crews will be trimming trees and cleaning other vegetation from electric facilities including overhead lines and underground equipment. This is critical to the reliability of the electric system and safety of our customers and employees.

WHEN IS THIS TAKING PLACE?

TREE TRIMMING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JANUARY THROUGH APRIL.

- Utility crews will start in Zone 2 and Zone 3.
- Additional Zones will be trimmed if time permits.
- Crews will return to pickup any branches left at the curb.
- Visit our website to view tree trimming maps and learn more about this service.

If you have a tree that is near power lines and would like it removed, give us a call for inspection.

WHY TRIM TREES?

Because reliability is our number one priority. Trees, shrubs, fences and other obstructions that are in the work zone can create unsafe working conditions and add time to an outage situation.

MOST COMMON OUTAGE CAUSES

52% Squirrel

20% Other

20% Equipment worn out

8% Equipment failure

Squirrels are the leading cause of outages in are our area of the country. Squirrels are adept climbers and use power lines as highways and can easily cause electrical power outages. Blocking all access to power lines is key in preventing squirrels from crossing power lines.