



# MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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## Simplify Service Transfers with Midstate's Landlord Status Agreement

**Are you a landlord in our service area? If you haven't already completed a Landlord Status Agreement with Midstate Electric, now is the time to do so!**

This agreement ensures a seamless transition of electric service when your tenants move out, keeping the lights on at your property and avoiding service interruptions. Here's everything you need to know:

### What is the Landlord Status Agreement?

The Landlord Status Agreement authorizes Midstate Electric to automatically transfer the electric service into your name when a tenant closes their account. This service includes a \$25 transfer fee each time the account transitions to your name.

- The service will NOT automatically transfer to your name if the tenant's account is disconnected for nonpayment.

### Special Requirements for Landlord Status

To qualify for the Landlord Status Agreement, landlords must meet the following criteria:

1. Current Members: A perfect payment history with Midstate for 12 consecutive months.
2. New Members: Must meet Midstate's requirements for starting service and not require a security deposit.
3. Deposit Restrictions: Members with a security deposit requirement cannot participate in the program.

### Limitations to Keep in Mind

- Midstate Electric cannot notify landlords if an account is disconnected for nonpayment.
- We require a signed authorization form from tenants to release any account information about their service.

### How to Get Started

To enroll in the program, complete and submit Midstate's Landlord Status Agreement form. If you've already filled out the form, take a moment to ensure it's up to date for uninterrupted service.



The form must be filled out, signed and an ID provided in our office. If this form is not presented in our office, it must be notarized.

Download the Landlord Status Agreement form on the "Find a Form" page on our website: <https://www.midstateelectric.coop/find-form>. For further assistance, please contact our office at 541-536-2126.

## Petitions for Districts 3, 4, and 6 Due on March 6

Director positions on the Board of Midstate Electric Cooperative are up for election at our Annual Meeting on May 17, 2025. Candidates to represent Districts 3, 4, and 6 may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members of the cooperative who reside in that district.

Serving on MEC's Board of Directors is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. You don't need expertise in electricity or business—just a passion for serving your fellow members and a willingness to learn.

We value diverse skills and perspectives on our board. A variety of backgrounds and ideas ensures innovative and inclusive decision-making for the cooperative.

Your voice matters! By serving as a director, you can play a pivotal role in ensuring Midstate Electric Cooperative continues to thrive and deliver exceptional service to its members.

**Petitions may be obtained at MEC's office and must be filed on or before Thursday, March 6, 2025.**

**For more information about the qualifications and duties of directors, call 541-536-2126.**

## 2025 Scholarship Program is Open

*Supporting the Next Generation of Leaders*

We are proud to invest in the future of our community by supporting local students in achieving their educational and career goals. By providing these opportunities, we aim to empower the next generation of leaders and skilled professionals. Applications are now open for scholarships for the following:

### Graduating Senior Scholarships

Midstate Electric offers \$10,000 scholarships to high school seniors pursuing higher education at a four-year college. Applicants' primary residence must be within Midstate's service territory.

### Continuing Education Scholarships

Midstate also offers one-time \$2,500 scholarships to residents of our service area who have completed high school and are pursuing further education at an accredited college or technical school.

### Lineworker Scholarship

To support careers in the electric utility industry, Midstate offers a \$20,000 scholarship for lineworker school. Recipients are required to contribute \$5,000 toward their tuition, which we will reimburse upon successful program completion—bringing the total scholarship value to \$25,000.



### How to Apply

Applications can be submitted online or in person at the Midstate Electric office at 16755 Finley Butte Rd, La Pine. Paper applications may also be mailed to: Midstate Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739.

For full details, visit our scholarship page at [www.mse.coop/scholarship-programs](http://www.mse.coop/scholarship-programs) or contact us directly at 541-536-7220.

**Application Deadline:**

**April 10, 2025**

feeling chilled?

# HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY



2



Place on a flat, level surface

1



Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away

3



Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked

4



Plug it directly into an outlet

6



Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which can overheat

5



Follow all instructions and use models endorsed by a reputable testing lab

7



Do not use around small children or pets

8



Do not use one with a damaged plug or prongs

 Safe Electricity.org®



Without home insulation, even the best designed home will allow heat to transfer through walls, ceiling, and floors. Photo Source: Erik Mclean

## Wrapped in Savings

**Ensuring your home is properly insulated can improve energy efficiency and make your home more comfortable.**

Insulation acts like a cozy coat that reduces heat loss during winter months and a protective layer that reduces heat gain during summer months.

Many older homes have less insulation than newer homes, but even newer homes can benefit from additional insulation. While it's not the least expensive efficiency improvement, adding insulation and air sealing your home can provide the biggest bang for your buck in energy savings and overall comfort.

The most common areas to insulate are attics, ceilings, crawlspaces or unconditioned basements, exterior and interior walls, floors, and ductwork located in unconditioned spaces.

The amount and effectiveness rating of insulation required for each area varies by climate, but many websites like The Department of Energy or Home Depot provide easy-to-follow recommendations.

Visit [energy.gov/insulation](https://energy.gov/insulation) to learn about recommended R-values for specific areas of the home based on climate zones.

It's important to understand how insulation effectiveness is measured. Insulation is rated in R-value, which measures the material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effectiveness. The R-value you'll need depends on factors like climate, type of heating and cooling system and which area of the home you plan to insulate.

Insulation is offered in a wide range of materials from bulky fiberglass rolls to cellulose materials made from recycled paper products. If you're considering installing additional insulation, talk to an expert who can offer guidance on the right materials for your budget, climate and comfort needs.

Investing in proper insulation for your home not only enhances comfort but also reduces energy consumption.

Visit [www.midstateelectric.coop](https://www.midstateelectric.coop) for more energy saving tips and to learn about Midstate's energy efficiency programs.

Let's get connected on social media so you'll never miss an update on MEC activities, programs, and contests.

