



Apply for BRPC's 2026 Scholarship Program

Applications are now open for BRPC's annual scholarships. We're awarding five scholarships of \$1,500 to students entering their first year of post-secondary studies. Eligible applicants must be a dependent of a BRPC member and graduating high school this year or last year.

Apply by the final Friday in February. Full details and the application form are available at BRPower.coop under About Us.

Important Message About Linear Taxation

See page 2 for an important message about Linear Taxation on your January bill!



**Battle River
POWER COOP**
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Apply Now
Deadline:
Friday, February 27, 2026

Is your family a member of
Battle River Power Coop?

**5 scholarships
of \$1,500
available!**

Visit: www.brpower.coop
for eligibility requirements.

Linear Taxation on Your January Bill

Some Battle River Power Coop members will notice a Linear Tax charge on their upcoming January bill. About 1,400 members will be affected this year. This charge appears once annually and is collected on behalf of the municipalities and counties in our service area.

What is linear taxation?

Linear tax is a type of property tax that municipalities are authorized to collect under Alberta's Municipal Government Act. It applies to "linear property"—infrastructure such as power lines, transformers, pipelines and other utility assets located within municipal boundaries.

Every municipality sets its own mill rate, so linear tax amounts vary depending on where the asset is located.

Why is Battle River Power Coop collecting this charge?

Municipalities assess the value of linear assets and pass those taxation amounts to the utility or company that owns them. Since these assets exist on member properties throughout our service area, Battle River Power Coop collects the applicable tax from the members who use that infrastructure.

We conduct an annual review of our distribution assets in each municipality—such as poles, transformers and related equipment—to determine which members are subject to the tax. Agricultural distribution infrastructure remains exempt, but industrial, residential, business and subdivision services are included.

What does this mean for your bill?

- The Linear Tax charge appears as a separate line item.
- This is a flow-through charge, meaning BRPC does not keep these funds.
- We remit the full amount annually to the respective municipalities and counties on behalf of our members.

If you see this charge on your bill, it reflects the assessed amount for the infrastructure that provides power to your property.

Staff Creativity Helps Raise Funds for Cancer Care

This year's staff fundraiser was packed with creativity, teamwork and a healthy dose of friendly competition. Silent auctions, raffles and even a spirited Movember contest brought people together to support a cause that matters deeply to many of us: the Camrose Community Cancer Centre.

Through months of planning, bidding, donating and cheering each other on, our staff raised an impressive \$2,671. Every dollar will help the Cancer Centre continue providing essential support and treatment for people in our region.

Pictured: Jamie from the Camrose Community Cancer Centre receives a donation check from BRPC CFO Michael Wirachowsky



BRPC Incident Response – Garbage Truck Hits Line

BRPC recently responded to a near miss involving a garbage truck and an overhead power line. A large garbage bin had been placed directly beneath the line, and when the truck lifted the bin to empty it, the equipment made contact. Fortunately, the driver was not injured. The truck's large rubber tires provided insulation that helped prevent harm, but equipment features should never be relied on as our only line of defense.

What should you do in this situation?

You do exactly what this driver did. He stayed in the vehicle. Unless you are in immediate danger, remaining inside your vehicle is the safest action you can take while you call BRPC for help. In this incident, our fast acting Powerline Technician arrived quickly, secured the area, and ensured the scene was safe. Only then was the truck able to move away from the line.

Following the incident, BRPC contacted local disposal companies to share details of the near miss and to make sure their teams are aware of the hazard. This communication allows them to put proper controls in place and inform their crews so similar situations can be prevented.

Working together to keep our community safe is what BRPC does.

Ways to avoid a similar incident:

- If possible, store bins in open areas where equipment can move freely without risk of overhead contact. Contact your disposal company if you need them moved away from overhead powerlines, structures or noticeable dangers.
- Follow safe limit of approach distances when operating equipment near utility lines; keep at least 3 metres away.
- Be mindful of blind spots drivers may have when lifting or emptying bins.



New Billing System Coming Soon

We're excited to share that Battle River Power Coop is launching a brand new billing system and online portal designed with our members in mind. It will be easier to use, easier to read, and packed with helpful features that put more information at your fingertips.

We'll share more details soon.
Keep an eye on BRPower.coop/account/account-login/ for updates.



Here's what you can look forward to:

- A clean, easy to read dashboard that shows your important account information at a glance
- A fully customizable self service portal that lets you manage your account your way
- Quick access to your e billing history and simple, secure payment options
- On demand access to your current power usage so you can stay informed
- Plus even more improvements coming your way

Call for Board Nominations

Battle River Power Coop is seeking members to serve on our Board as a Director. If you or someone you know would be a strong representative for your district, visit BRPower.coop and find the nomination form on the Board of Directors page under About Us.



Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: brpc@brpower.coop and we will ensure your account is updated.

Other ways you can stay in the loop with Battle River Power Coop:

- **Visit our website www.brpower.coop.** The website offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.**
- **Download our Outage App** from our website. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

Want to help others learn about our Cooperative?

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and leave us a review!



RATE OF LAST RESORT

The Rate of Last Resort (RoLR) is a fixed monthly rate set at \$0.13000 per kWh until the end of December 2026. Detailed information on the RoLR is available on: www.brpower.coop.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta). *Code of Conduct Regulation: Advertising Section 7(1)*

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