

ENERGYwise

FOR YOUR HOME



ChargeWise

Charge your PHEV with off-peak electricity to save money and energy

Many of you have made the commitment to drive efficiently by purchasing a Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV), so now let us help you charge your vehicle at a reduced rate with our ChargeWise program. ChargeWise is a first-of-its kind program where qualified members receive up to \$500 for the installation of the ChargeWise outlet and meter — which could easily pay for the entire system.

What is the ChargeWise program?

ChargeWise is a voluntary program offered by Steele-Waseca Cooperative for qualified members who own a PHEV. The program allows members to charge their PHEV in their garage or carport using electricity from a specially installed 20 amp ChargeWise outlet.

This ChargeWise outlet only provides energy during the off-peak hours of 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Members simply plug in their PHEV in the evening and their vehicle is charged during these overnight hours at a reduced rate. They wake up to a fully-charged electric vehicle that is ready to run for the day!

How does the ChargeWise program save energy and money?

Charging electric vehicles during off-peak times, when market prices are low, allows Steele-Waseca Cooperative to provide low-cost electricity to ChargeWise participants. We can then pass the off-peak, lower-rate on to you.

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Good Morning .

 **Save more than just energy.** The dawn of a new era begins in your garage. With ChargeWise, you'll save money every time you charge your plug-in hybrid car. Get \$500 towards a ChargeWise outlet and tap into discounted, off-peak energy. So you wake up fully charged and get off to a great start — now and for many mornings to come.

 ChargeWise

Wake up charged and ready to go

What will be installed in my garage or car port?

To set you up with the ChargeWise program, a state-certified electrician will install a:

- 20 amp ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) circuit
- Meter — provided by your electric cooperative
- Receiver
- 20 amp outlet and wallplate

A state electrical inspector will inspect work following installation.

Who can participate?

To qualify for the ChargeWise program, you must live in the member cooperative service territory and own (not lease) an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle. Electric golf carts, lawn mowers, etc. do not qualify as a vehicle under the ChargeWise program.

How much will ChargeWise cost?

SWCE's wholesale electric provider, Great River Energy, will pay for up to \$500 of the installation cost. SWCE will provide the meter and load control receiver for free. Total installation cost is not expected to exceed \$500; however, all circumstances are different and any cost above \$500 is the responsibility of the member.

How do I get started?

Contact your local electric cooperative to learn more about how to sign up for the ChargeWise program.

Contact Us

SWCE @ 507-451-7340

How does ChargeWise save you money?

Discounted, off-peak energy is available during low-demand periods of time every night. You need this unique system installed to tap in and send off-peak energy directly to your PHEV. Plug in your PHEV to the ChargeWise system while you sleep, and wake up charged with lower energy costs.

