

# SUMMER 2025 THE CURRENT



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#### RESIDENTIAL

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- > Electric Vehicle Charger
- > Heat Pumps
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- > Lighting and Lighting Controls

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- > VFD and ASD Drives
- > Other Equipment
- > Custom Grants

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## **ERMU Recognized** for Excellence in Reliability

The American Public Power Association has awarded ERMU the Certificate of Excellence in Reliability for its dependable electric service in 2024.

Based on data collected from 350 public power providers, ERMU was one of 255 electric utilities that earned this distinction, with an average outage time of just 42.08 minutes across its 13,797 customers, significantly lower than the national average of 148 minutes.



"This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff in ensuring safe, reliable electric service for our customers," said General Manager Mark Hanson. "We're proud of this recognition and grateful for a team that strives to serve our community every day."

ERMU remains committed to maintaining this high standard of performance in 2025, continuing its mission to provide exceptional service and value to customers.

## Madson and Westberg Awarded ERMU Scholarship

ERMU is pleased to announce that Elk River High School seniors Andrew Madson and Owen Westberg have been selected as recipients of the 2025 Elk River Municipal Utilities Scholarship. Each student will receive a \$1,000 award to support their post-secondary education. Their planned areas of study and career aspirations, coupled with their thoughtful responses on the scholarship application, truly stood out.

Andrew plans to attend lineworker school, drawn to the profession for its blend of physical work, problem-solving, and career stability. Owen plans to attend Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in electrical engineering, leveraging his strengths in math and science.

ERMU's scholarship program was updated in 2025 to provide up to two \$1,000 awards annually. The goal of the new program is to provide financial assistance for those who plan to further their education towards a career in water, electric, or conservation related fields.

Congratulations to both Andrew and Owen! ERMU wishes you all the best in your future plans.

**Pictured (from left to right) - Commission Chair**: John Dietz, **Commissioner**: Matt Westgaard, **Scholarship Recipients**: Andrew Madsen and Owen Westberg, **Commission Vice Chair**: Mary



Stewart, Commissioner: Nick Zerwas.

Recipients Andrew and Owen were recognized during the May 13 commission meeting.





## WATER QUALITY **REPORT**

Your annual Water Quality Report has information on where your water comes from, how ERMU protects it, and the results of water samples taken in 2024. Physical copies are available upon request. To view the report online please visit ermumn.



com/download\_ file/1163/0 or scan the QR code provided here.



#### WATERING **RESTRICTIONS**

The City of Elk River's Code of Ordinances establishes the following permanent restrictions on public water use:

- · No sprinkling allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- · Lawn sprinkling is only permitted on odd/even days in coordination with the property's address number.

These restrictions help ensure adequate water supplies for fire response as well as community health and safety.

## Keeping Utilities Clear and Safe

The utility equipment on your property plays an important role in providing essential services to you and your neighbors. Landscaping or objects that obstruct access to meters, transformers, or hydrants can endanger workers, disrupt service, or delay critical emergency responses.

As you work on your lawn this summer, please remember to trim bushes and trees around utility infrastructure. If there isn't enough space for safe operation and maintenance, ERMU technicians will need to remove any items obstructing the equipment.

When planting new greenery, consider the mature size and growth patterns of your plants. And as always, don't forget to call 811 before starting any digging project!

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and accessible working area around utilities on your property.

For your convenience, we've included the locator flag color system and clearance requirement diagrams below for your review.

## Color Codes for Marking Underground Utilities:









