

# Substation School

**March 10–12, 2026**



**New Ulm Civic Center  
1212 N Franklin St, New Ulm, MN**

# 2026 Program details

## Substation School is an annual opportunity to learn about current trends and best practices for maintaining your utility's substation.

Having the best distribution system doesn't matter if your substation isn't operating properly. This school offers instruction on important topics that can benefit anyone working in or on your substation. In addition to expert-led classroom instruction, attendees will tour New Ulm Public Utilities' substation and generation plant and 3M New Ulm.

Topics to be covered:

- Substation maintenance and inspection
- Key components and systems
- Case study review and discussion
- Proper switching procedures
- Utilizing infrared technology

## What to bring

Please bring appropriate attire and materials, including:

- High-visibility clothing
- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- Safety footwear

## Agenda

### Tuesday, March 10

12:00–1:00	Registration and check-in
1:00	Welcome and opening remarks
1:00–2:15	Substation maintenance and inspection
2:15–2:30	Break
2:30–4:00	Substation maintenance and inspection (continued)

### Wednesday, March 11

8:30–10:00	Understanding your substations one line diagrams
10:00–10:15	Break
10:15–12:00	Case studies
12:00–1:00	Lunch
1:00–4:00	Group tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Ulm Public Utilities' substation and generation plant</li><li>• 3M New Ulm</li></ul>

### Thursday, March 12

8:30–10:00	Understanding switching procedures
10:00–10:15	Break
10:15–12:00	Utilizing infrared technology

## Registration information

Member: \$585 per person

Affiliate/Associate Member: \$685 per person

Nonmember: \$880 per person

Registration fee includes school tuition, materials, refreshment breaks, and lunch on Wednesday.

MMUA will issue a refund (less \$50 processing fee per person) provided MMUA is notified of the cancellation by 4:30 pm by February 25. Refunds issued to a credit card will be subject to a 3% fee.

Visit [mmua.org/events/substation-2026](https://mmua.org/events/substation-2026) to register.

Early bird registration rate ends February 16, 2026.

Registration increases \$50 after that date.

Advance registration closes February 25.

## Hotel information

### Best Western Plus

2101 S Broadway St  
New Ulm, MN  
763-656-4400

MMUA has arranged for discounted lodging. Visit [tinyurl.com/MMUASubstation](https://tinyurl.com/MMUASubstation) to book hotel accommodations or contact the hotel directly and ask for the MMUA reduced rate of \$109/night + tax.

Availability is limited and cannot be guaranteed. Hotel block closes on February 23, 2026 or when sold out.