

Energy Services in the Twin Cities

What programs are for me?

- ◆ Renters
- Homeowners
- ▲ Landlords

How can families to save on energy costs? Many programs listed below can help whether you struggle to pay heat and electric bills, need home repairs or upgrades, are negotiating with utilities, landlords, or other home energy needs.

Help Paying your Energy Bills













Program	Who Can Apply?	Description	Contact
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	◆ ■	Pays part of your utility electric and heating bills between October-May. Households at or below 50% of state median income can apply by May 31.	Your local Community Action agency 651-645-7425 www.minncap.org
Energy Related Repairs (ERR)	◆ ■	Crisis funding to repair or replace broken heating systems for those eligible for LIHEAP.	
Gas Affordability Program (GAP) and POWER On	◆ ■	Affordable monthly natural gas billing and bill forgiveness for those enrolled in LIHEAP. Also available for Xcel electric billing help.	Once enrolled in LIHEAP, apply through the Energy CENTS Coalition www.energycents.org
Cold Weather Rule (CWR)	◆ ■	Arrange payment plans with your utility to prevent heat disconnection between October-April. Plans can be established at any time.	Contact your utility immediately after receiving disconnect notice: Xcel: 800-895-4999 Centerpoint: 800-729-6164
HeatShare The Salvation Army	◆ ■	Emergency utility assistance for low-income families not receiving other assistance, covers gas, fuel or electric bills and furnace repairs.	www.thesalvationarmy.com/serv/heatshare 1-800-725-2769
Emergency General Assistance	◆ ■	Public benefits for bills, repairs, or other emergency expenses for low-income residents.	Your local county human services or Minnesota Energy Information Office: 800-657-3710

Loans and Rebates to Fix Leaks and Upgrade Appliances





















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Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE)	▲ ■	Loan financing for heating system upgrades, home improvements, weatherization projects, or solar or geothermal installation.	mncee.org/what-we-do/lending-center
Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC)	▲ ■	Loans financing for home improvements and advisors to help locate rebates for energy efficient appliance upgrades.	www.thenec.org
CenterPoint Energy	▲ ■	Rebates for heating system upgrades and weatherization projects for CenterPoint gas customers.	www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/save-energy-money/efficiency-programs-rebates?sa=mn
Xcel Energy	▲ ■	Rebates and programs for heating system and energy efficiency upgrades for Xcel customers.	www.xcelenergy.com/energy_solutions/rebate_finder_tool



Programs to identify leaks (Audits) and fix them (Weatherize)

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Weatherization Assistance Program	 	LIHEAP eligible households that use natural gas can apply to have an energy auditor seal air leaks, add insulation, and repair your heating system.	Your local Community Action agency www.minncap.org
Habitat for Humanity		"A Brush with Kindness" program for assistance in repairing broken windows, doors, siding, and other free repairs for low-income households.	612-788-8169 www.tchabitat.org/abwk
Home Energy Squad	 	\$70 for a home visit for weatherization materials, CFL lightbulbs, and programmable thermostat. Many cities and neighborhoods have arranged for reduced rates, free visits, or enhanced visits for residents. Renters may need landlord approval.	1-866-222-4595 homeenergysquad.net
Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC)	 	\$30 for a walk through audit, \$60 standard audit including blower door test, or comprehensive \$100 infrared audit to pinpoint leaks. Xcel natural gas and electric customers.	651-221-4462 www.thenec.org
Centerpoint Energy Home Energy Audit	  	\$25 walk through audit or \$100 standard audit with blower door and infrared test. Centerpoint natural gas customers.	1-888-240-4123 centerpointenergy.com
Housing Resource Center (Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation)	 	Low-cost financing and other programs to repair your home, rental property or business.	www.gmhchousing.org/housing-resource-center

Education, Legal Advocacy, and Policy Resources

Program	Who is this for?	Description	Contact
Homeline Tenant Advocacy		Free and low-cost legal, organizing, education and advocacy services for renters.	www.homelinemn.org 612-728-5767
Energy CENTS Coalition	  	Energy affordability resources and advocacy for low-income homeowners and renters.	www.energycents.org
Minnesota Energy Challenge	 	Information and activities to reduce energy at home, at work, and in your community.	www.mnenergychallenge.org
Minnesota Department of Commerce: Energy Information Center	  	State agency managing energy assistance, renewable energy technologies and utility regulation, including the Energy Information Office and hotline.	mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home Energy Information line: 1-800-657-3710
Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)	 	Compilation of energy education and small grants for nonprofit organizations and government entities.	www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org
U.S. EPA Energy Star Program	  	Information on energy saving appliances and ways to make your home more energy efficient.	www.energystar.gov
Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership	  	Occasional funding available for free or reduced costs energy improvements and resources in Minneapolis.	mplscleanenergypartnership.org/resources
Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy	  	Community education and policy advocacy related to community planning, climate and energy policy.	www.ceed.org

