

WHAT IS LIHEAP?

LIHEAP is a nationally-funded Energy Assistance Program. It **helps** income-qualified households **pay home heating costs and furnace repairs** from October to May.

LIHEAP services may include help paying energy bills, help preventing utility disconnections, help talking with energy providers, home energy efficiency education, or help fixing homeowners' broken heating systems. **LIHEAP helps many people stay warm in the winter.**

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**Low Income Home
Energy Assistance Program**



Am I eligible for LIHEAP?

You are eligible for LIHEAP if you meet both of the following:

- You rent or own your home
- If you meet income requirements

Income Requirements, 2017

Household Size	3 Month Max, Annual Guidelines	Income
1	\$6,135	\$24,541
2	\$8,023	\$32,092
3	\$9,910	\$39,643
4	\$11,798	\$47,194
5	\$13,686	\$54,745
6	\$15,574	\$62,296
7	\$15,928	\$63,712
8	\$16,282	\$65,128
9	\$16,636	\$66,544
10	\$16,989	\$67,959

Source for Data Table: Minnesota Department of Commerce

When should I apply for LIHEAP?

Complete the following steps and submit your application **by May 31, 2017** to be fully considered for Winter 2017 funding.

If it's after May 31, you won't get bill assistance from the program. However, you should still apply because you might get other benefits, like the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP can help make your home more energy efficient to save you money, by updating your energy systems and improving your insulation.

How do I apply?

- Contact your county Energy Assistance Provider. <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home/save-energy-money/low-income-assistance/eap-service-providers.jsp> 1-800-657-3710
- Fill out the application. You can access the application in English or Spanish here: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/your-home/save-energy-money/low-income-assistance/eap/>

- Your Energy Assistance Provider will also give you access to the application and details about how to submit it. Most counties will allow you to either mail it or deliver it in person.
- Provide proof of income. This will be part of your application.
- Proof of income can be your tax returns or copies of payments received from your employer.

- **If approved, remember to apply again the following year.** You should automatically be sent the renewal application. If not, contact your energy assistance provider.

If I get denied for LIHEAP, what steps can I take going forward?

- If you are denied because you applied after May 31, you will automatically be sent an application the next year, and you should re-do it.

- You can sign up for other programs, like the Cold Weather Rule (CWR), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Heatshare through the Salvation Army. These programs have less strict income requirements.

If I am eligible for LIHEAP, what other programs might be relevant to me?

- The Gas Affordability Program (GAP).
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - assists with efficiency measures like adding insulation, sealing leaks and repair/replacing your furnace.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Information Center phone number: 651-539-1886
- Office of Community Services, "LIHEAP Customers," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services <http://www.act.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/co nsumer-frequently-asked-questions#Q10>