



Home Energy Plus Program

Wisconsin has two programs to help qualifying households pay their energy bills and reduce the amount of energy they use. These programs—Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), and Weatherization Assistance—can pay some of your energy costs, weatherize your home, and provide help in a heating or energy crisis. Over 100,000 households in Wisconsin receive energy assistance each year. Bill payment assistance averaged over \$306 per household.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible? **HOME ENERGY** assistance is available to many low-income renters and homeowners in Wisconsin. You may be eligible if your 3-month household income (based on your household size) is below the income limits.

BENEFITS

What Help Can I Get to PAY My Energy Bills? **THERE ARE** several ways to get help. WHEAP can...

- help pay part of your heating bills. Payments average \$383 per household, but families may receive up to \$1,200 per heating season;
- help pay part of your non-heating electrical bills too. Payments average \$141 a year per household.

The amount you receive depends on the size of your energy bills, household income and family size. Payment is usually made directly to your utility company or fuel supplier. If you rent but don't pay your utilities separately, payment may be sent directly to you to apply to your rent.

What Help Can I Get to SAVE Energy? **THERE ARE** several ways to get help. Weatherization Assistance can...

- help insulate your dwelling, repair your furnace, and control air leaks;
- help pay for energy efficient refrigerators and some air conditioning upgrades in most areas.

If you rent, weatherization services must be coordinated with your landlord. Your landlord may be asked to pay a portion of weatherization costs.

Is Help Available for Emergencies? **YES, CRISIS** assistance is available if your furnace is broken, if you are running out of heating fuel, or if your heat is about to be disconnected.

APPLICATION

How Do I Apply? Energy Assistance applications are available at the Iowa County Department of Social Services, 303 W Chapel St, Ste 2300, Dodgeville, WI 53533, phone 608-930-9801. For Weatherization Assistance, contact Southwest CAP Housing Energy Program at 206 Hwy 18, Montfort, 53569, phone 608-943-6909. When you apply for one program you are automatically considered for all. More information is available on-line at <http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov/> or by calling 1-866-432-8947.