

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COLD WEATHER WILL BE HERE SOON! Just because it will be cold out does not mean that your gas, electric or fuel service cannot be discontinued. Your utility company may be able to turn your service off for non-payment.

If you heat with oil or L.P. and you are not current with your bill, your supplier is not required to deliver to you.

You need to contact your heating or utility company as soon as you get a past due or disconnection notice. If you have applied for Energy Assistance, let your heating and utility company know this.

If your heating or utilities are disconnected for non-payment, the company will charge a reconnection fee and may also charge an additional deposit amount.

MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES
(There is not an office in Rochester.)

1-800-889-9508

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES (RPU)

507-280-1500

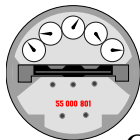
PEOPLE'S COOPERATIVE SERVICES (PCS)

507-288-4004

If you have service from any other company, the same procedures apply.

You are encouraged to contact your heat and electric provider, before your bills get unmanageable, to make a payment arrangement. If you are unable to pay by the due date, you must act promptly to avoid the added expense of disconnection.

**EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE, YOU
MUST KEEP MAKING PAYMENTS ON YOUR UTILITY BILLS.
YOUR SERVICE CAN STILL BE DISCONNECTED.**



LOW COST/NO COST ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Cutting down your gas/electric/heating bill is a great way to save money.

The following ideas cost little or no money to do, and could save several dollars over the course of a year.

HOME HEATING:

Turn down your thermostat. A setting of between 65 and 70 degrees while you are home and around 60 degrees while you are asleep or away will help cut those heat/electric bills. **Remember:** When you want to return to your “at home” temperature, only turn the thermostat to that temperature. If you “crank” the thermostat to a very high setting, you are wasting money and your home does not heat any faster.

Open shades or blinds during a sunny day to let the sun warm your rooms. Close the shades or blinds when the sun goes down to keep heat inside.

Lock windows, this tightens the seal to stop leaks.

If you own your home, replace or clean your furnace filter **once a month** during the heating season. If you rent, ask your landlord about replacing the furnace filter.

Do not block heat registers with furniture or draperies.

If you can, close off vents and/or doors to unused or infrequently used rooms.