



WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CHECKLIST

Apply online at <https://energybenefit.wi.gov>

To avoid unnecessary delays, the following checklist will help you prepare for your application process. It is important that you provide the documentation required. Agencies may not be able to directly obtain income and Social Security information.

Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth

Be prepared to provide the Social Security Number (SSN) and date of birth for every person in your household.

Citizenship

A document that shows lawful immigration status if you are not a U.S. Citizen.

Proof of Residency

Verify that you live in Wisconsin, such as driver's license, energy bill, or property tax record.

Heating / Electric Costs

Provide your account number along with evidence of your household's primary heating costs for the last 12 months and copies of your electric bill.

Landlord

If you rent, provide:

- The name, address and telephone number of your landlord or property management company;
OR
- Your rental agreement (lease).

Income

Provide evidence (check stubs, tax documents, award letters, etc.) of your entire household's gross income for the one (1) month prior to the month of application, such as:

- Wages
- Unemployment Compensation
- Self-Employment Income
- Social Security/Supplemental and Social Security Disability Insurance (SS/SSI and SSDI)
- Statement of person to person loan or gift of money
- Pensions, Annuities, IRAs
- Child Support Payments
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/ Wisconsin Works (W2) Benefits

Home Energy Plus is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources. Home Energy Plus programs include the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program. These programs help income-eligible households with energy bill payments and energy efficient measures that reduce energy usage.



For more information:
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WISCONSIN WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps homeowners and renters reduce energy consumption while increasing comfort in their homes. Weatherization improvements may also make your home environment healthier and safer. Improvements are installed by the local weatherization agency in your area.

If your residence qualifies for weatherization services, you may receive one or more of the following energy efficiency measures:

► Insulation

Adding insulation to the attic, walls, and crawlspace helps reduce energy use and increase comfort.

► Sealing Air Leaks

Sealing air leaks reduces cold drafts caused by gaps or cracks in the home's structure and may improve indoor air quality.

► Heating System Update

Repairing or replacing an inefficient furnace or boiler will save energy and money.

► Energy-Saving Products

Installing water-saving faucet aerators and shower heads and ENERGY STAR® LED bulbs will reduce your energy needs. Replacing an old refrigerator or freezer with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model will also save energy.

ENERGY SAVINGS TIP

Repair all plumbing leaks to avoid water waste. Hot water leaks are especially costly. More energy is needed for heating and can lead to an increase in your water bill.

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OTHER ENERGY RESOURCES

KEEP WISCONSIN WARM/COOL FUND

1-800-891-WARM (9276)
www.kwwf.org

HEAT FOR HEROES

1-800-891-9276
www.heat4heroes.org

FOCUS ON ENERGY

1-800-762-7077
www.focusonenergy.com



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Recipient of Home Energy Plus Assistance

ENERGY & WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE 2021-2022

WHAT IS *homeenergy+*

Home Energy Plus includes the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and Home Energy Plus (HE+) Furnace Program. WHEAP provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. WAP helps renters and homeowners reduce their energy consumption. The HE+ Furnace Program provides services to eligible homeowners to repair or replace their heating system. Operating with federal and state funding, the programs provide energy assistance payments to over 200,000 households and weatherization services to over 6,000 households in Wisconsin each year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE?

Your household may be eligible for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) based on a number of factors. If your household gross income is less than the amount shown on the following chart, you may be eligible for a benefit or services. Applications for both programs are accepted at your local WHEAP agency.

Household Size	ONE Month	Annual Income
1	\$2,591.92	\$31,103
2	\$3,389.42	\$40,673
3	\$4,186.92	\$50,243
4	\$4,984.42	\$59,813
5	\$5,781.92	\$69,383
6	\$6,579.42	\$78,953
7	\$6,729.00	\$80,748
8	\$6,878.50	\$82,542

The Home Energy Plus Program uses a previous one month income test which is annualized to determine program income eligibility.

Income for people who are self-employed, farmers, or seasonal workers is based on federal income tax forms for the previous year.

WHAT IS THE WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire energy costs of a residence. The amount of the energy assistance payment varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs. In most cases the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household's energy supplier.

WHAT TYPES OF FUEL ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE?

Whether you use wood, propane, natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil to heat your home, if you qualify, energy assistance is available. Your household may also be eligible to receive a payment for non-heating electric energy costs through funding provided by Wisconsin's Public Benefits Program.

IF YOU CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE HEAT OR MAY BE DISCONNECTED

Crisis assistance may be available if you have no heat, have received a disconnect notice from the vendor, or are nearly out of fuel and are unable to purchase more. WHEAP agencies provide a 24-hour crisis phone number to help with emergencies that occur after business hours.

Non-emergency assistance may include providing information on how to reduce fuel costs, counseling on budgeting and money management, payments to a fuel supplier, and copayment agreements.

FURNACE/BOILER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

WHEAP emergency heating system assistance can provide services to eligible homeowners if the furnace or boiler stops operating. Heating system assistance includes payment for repairs or in some situations your residence may qualify for a total replacement of a non-operating system. Call your local WHEAP agency immediately if you are experiencing a no-heat situation.

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ENERGY SAVINGS TIP

During winter months, change your furnace filter monthly. A dirty filter makes your furnace work harder which can reduce its efficiency and life expectancy.

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