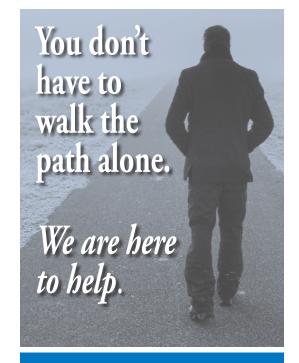
Energy-Saving Tips

- Ensure proper airflow Insulate ducts, change furnace filters and make sure vents and ducts flow freely.
- Adjust thermostats Set your thermostat to your personal comfort zone and when you are away from home, reduce the temperature by 5-8 degrees Fahrenheit. For homes with elderly people or children, warmer temperatures are recommended.
- Install a programmable setback thermostat This can be a good investment in homes heated and cooled with central forced-air systems. Taking the time to program to match your personal habits will save money.
- Conserve water, while saving money and energy Turn down your water heater to 120 degrees F to reduce your heating bills, install low-flow showerheads and replace faucet washers, and take quick showers instead of baths.
- When doing laundry Use cold water in your wash and rinse cycles. And, always run full loads of laundry instead of washing a few pieces of clothing at a time.
- Check your dishwasher's setting Some dishwashers offer a water-saving setting or an energy-saving drying option. Check to see if your dishwasher has these options and start using yours today!
- Use your drapes Close drapes on hot summer days to keep the heat outside. On winter days leave them open to absorb sunlight. Always close drapes at night to keep your home's heat inside.
- Use caulk and weather stripping Both caulk and weather stripping offer inexpensive and efficient ways to lower your heating bill. They can keep out wind, moisture, dust, and noise.
- Insulate your home For an effective energy-saving investment, and for the greatest energy savings, consider adding insulation.
 Ceiling insulation can save up to 30 percent on fuel bills, depending on the R-value. Contact a qualified insulation contractor for costs on insulating ceilings, walls, and floor spaces.
- Have your furnace serviced once a year A tune-up inspection for your natural gas furnace is the best way to ensure your furnace is at peak operating efficiency.



Federally funded dollars are available for heating assistance.

For information on heating-assistance programs, contact Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. at 800-638-3278.



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Heating assistance is available to make ends easier to meet.

Do you know a federal grant was allocated to help Montana residents with their heating bills for the 2018-19 heating season through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)?

Montana-Dakota Utilities is committed to our customers. We want you to know that funds are available for those who need help with their heating bills. Montana-Dakota offers a discount of up to 30 percent off your utility bill when you qualify for LIEAP. This discount is funded through the Universal Systems Benefit Program.

Help us help you by completing the application needed to participate in this federally funded program. For more information or to obtain an application, visit the LIEAP website at www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance.aspx.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 800-638-3278 or visit our website at www.montana-dakota.com, select Low-Income Assistance Programs Under the Customer Service heading.



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Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

To qualify, your household must meet the following income requirements:

2018-19 Federal Income Guidelines*	
Household Size	Maximum Yearly Income
1	\$23,876
2	\$31,223
3	\$38,569
4	\$45,916

^{*} See application for further details.

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Energy Share

If you don't qualify for the LIEAP program, you may still be eligible for emergency heating assistance through Energy Share of Montana.



Please call 888-779-7589 or visit energysharemt.com for details.