## **Energy-Saving Tips**

- 1. Check the furnace filter frequently and replace or clean it as needed.
- 2. Adjust register openings in the home. Remember that heat rises, so registers should be partially closed upstairs.



- 3. Use draperies, blinds, curtains or shutters on all windows to slow the loss of heat through the glass. Keep window coverings open on sunny days to let in the sun's warmth.
- Rearrange furniture, placing it next to inside walls and away from windows. Avoid blocking registers with furniture, draperies or carpet.
- Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans sparingly. In just one hour, these fans can exhaust a houseful of warm air.
- 6. Purchase inexpensive, pre-cut insulation gaskets and seal out cold air entering the home through electrical switches and outlet plates.
- Closets and cabinets on outside walls can leak a great deal of cold air, so make sure the doors fit snugly and keep them tightly closed.
- 8. Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- 9. Take short showers instead of baths.
- 10. Keep windows on the south side of your house clean to let in the winter sun.



Federally funded dollars are available for heating assistance.

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



# 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 2021-22 heating season through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)?

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 LIHEAP. 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 LIHEAP website at www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance/.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 800-638-3278 or visit our website at www.montana-dakota.com and, under the customer service tab, click on assistance programs.



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#### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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

2021-22 Federal Income Guidelines*	
Household Size	Maximum Yearly Income
1	\$27,282
2	\$35,676
3	\$44,071
4	\$52,465

\* See application for further details.

## **Discount from MDU**

Montana-Dakota Utilities offers a discount of up to 30 percent off your utility bill when you qualify for LIHEAP.



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### **Energy Share**

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



ENERGY SHARE of MONTANA

Please call 888-779-7589 for details.