

# Wisconsin Energy Assistance Links

Many Dodge County residents may be facing a difficult time paying for heat this winter. Attached is a set of links describing state programs to help people in need pay their heating bills and to install energy saving improvements and appliances.

## Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program

<http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>

Provides services to families in need, based on income, including:

- Emergency fuel assistance,
- Counseling for energy conservation and energy budgets,
- Pro-active co payment plans,
- Targeted outreach services,
- Emergency furnace repair and replacement
- Weatherization

## Focus on Energy Assistance Program

<http://www.focusonenergy.com/Residential/Targeted-Home-Performance.aspx>

Provides support to those in need but in excess of income limits set by state programs.

Improvements include:

**Insulation.** Adding insulation to the attic, walls and crawlspaces helps reduce energy use and increase comfort.

**Heating and cooling system updates.** Replacing an inefficient furnace, boiler and/or central air conditioner will save energy and reduce energy costs.

**Sealing air leaks.** Sealing air leaks will reduce the cold drafts caused by unwanted holes in the home's structure and may improve indoor air quality.

**Energy saving products.** Installing water-saving faucet aerators and shower heads, as well as ENERGY STAR® qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), saves energy.

**ENERGY STAR qualified appliances.** Replacing old inefficient refrigerators and freezers with ENERGY STAR qualified models will use a fraction of the energy.

## Public Service Commission-Consumer Information

<http://psc.wi.gov/consumerinfo/conservation/energyAsst.htm>

Describes laws which prevent utilities from cutting off power in winter and methods to negotiate payment where trouble paying bills occurs