Energy Efficiency for Manufactured Homes:

What You Need to Know



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Learn how you can save energy and money at home, who to contact for assistance, and how to understand your utility bill.







Saving Energy at Home

Simple tips for saving energy and money at home

Heating and Cooling Tips

In winter, set your thermostat at 68°F during the day, and lower
it at night and when you are away. To make this easier, get a
programmable thermostat installed. Open window curtains/shades
during the day to let the sun help warm your
home, and close them at night.

 In summer, set your thermostat at 78°F and use a simple box fan when in the room to reduce air conditioning costs. Close curtains and shades during the day and open windows at night to take advantage of "free cooling."

 Remember, don't try to heat or cool the outdoors! Close windows and doors when running the furnace or air conditioner. Also, make sure your air registers are clear of furniture or other obstructions so that air can circulate, and replace furnace filters monthly. Heat with your furnace, not portable space heaters. In many manufactured homes, portable space heaters are the biggest use of electricity in the winter. Many are also a fire hazard. If your furnace isn't keeping up, there are things you can do to reduce heat loss and improve comfort.

Do-It-Yourself Improvements

- Leaky heat ducts under the floor are a common problem.
 Learn how to inspect and seal them, and other DIY tips, in a video from CERTs: cleanenergyresourceteams.org/home.
- Seal your home from cold winter drafts with plastic film on the windows and draft snakes, sweeps, and weatherstripping for doors. Use spray foam for other gaps, such as around plumbing and electrical entrances. Close storm windows on doors and windows, too.
- Make sure that the crawlspace under the floor (underbelly) is well insulated.
- If you need to replace your furnace or air conditioner (AC), install high efficiency ENERGY STAR® units. For AC Energy Efficiency Rating (EER) 13 or above can save you as much as 50% on your cooling costs.



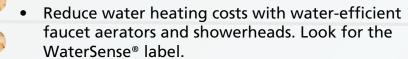
To do: Seal leaky air ducts



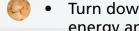
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Cooking & Cleaning







Turn down your water heater to 120°F. This helps save energy and reduce the risk of accidental burns.



Insulate hot water pipes and use a water heater blanket.



Cook with your microwave or crockpot.



Wash your clothes with cold water. Clean the lint trap in your dryer before every load.



When replacing appliances, look for ENERGY STAR



What is the Weatherization **Assistance Program?**

WAP improves the

energy efficiency of homes of incomequalified households, including renters. From insulation to heating systems to appliances and more, WAP takes a "whole-house" approach to reducing families' energy costs and improving health and safety for renters and owners.

Lighting & Electronics

- Replace old-style incandescent bulbs and CFLs with LEDs and turn off lights when you are not in the room or when you can use natural light.
- Unplug electronics when not in use or use a smart power strip to do it for you.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

- Watch videos about how to save energy in your manufactured home and explore other resources on the CERTs website: https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/home.
- Check your Minnesota Energy Resources website for natural gas rebates and programs at: cashrebatesnow.com or Rochester Public Utilities at rpu.org for electric rebates and programs.
- Learn more about weatherization assistance and if you qualify. Find your provider at https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/weatherization/wap-providers.jsp.
- Need more pointers on DIY repairs for your manufactured home? There are how-to videos for a wide range of projects at https://mobilehomeliving.org/mobile-home-repair-help.

Contact information for energy programs & providers

Contact:	Phone:
	Utility vide energy assessments, energy-saving devices, and rebates. cost averaging, and refer you to local agencies for support.
Electric Utility: Find on bill	, call city hall, or visit https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/help/utility
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