

Mille Lacs Citizens...

Are you looking for help paying your energy bills or are you looking to make your home more energy efficient?



INCOME QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for energy assistance, your total household income must be less than the limits below. You **must live in Minnesota** to get energy assistance.

People in your household	Household income from the last month
1	\$3,119
2	\$4,079
3	\$5,039
4	\$5,999
5	\$6,959
6	\$7,919

These income guidelines are for the 2025/26 heating season. Please check [State of Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program](#) for annual updates.

If you live on reservation lands

Start by contacting:

[Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe](#)

Doreen Mitchell, Elder Energy Account Specialist

Phone: (320) 532-7543

Energy Assistance Program (EAP)

EAP is a free program available for homeowners and renters and is based on income and household size that helps pay for heat and electricity. Initial benefits average \$500 per household and can be up to \$1,400 per household depending on household income and size. Payments are sent directly to the energy company or provider of fuel like propane.

The program runs from October 1 through May 31. Crisis Funds are also available for past due bills, emergency fuel delivery, and for broken furnace repair or replacement.

To qualify, you must be eligible under the income eligibility requirements to the left.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

WAP is another program that can help you save energy and make your home more comfortable. It is a federal program administered by your Tribal or Regional CAP agency that aims to reduce the heating and cooling costs of low-income households. It also aims to improve the comfort and safety of homes by improving attic and wall insulation, installing bathroom fans and kitchen exhaust fans, and by increasing the efficiency of water heaters, furnaces, boilers, and air-conditioners.

If you qualify, these energy savings services are provided to you at no cost. **You must apply for EAP first** before you can apply for WAP.

Weatherization Services will start with a pre-inspection. It will take about an hour to determine if your home will qualify. If the home passes the pre-inspection, the next step will be a full energy audit. This will include testing and some paperwork. This appointment will take 3–4 hours. After the full audit, a contractor will be contacted, and a plan will be made for the work to be completed.

Please be advised that there is often a wait time for the pre-inspection, full energy audit, and for the work to be completed.

If you live off reservation lands

Contact the CAP agency in your county to apply for Energy Assistance or Weatherization Assistance. Lakes and Pines Community Action Council and TCCAP are two community action programs that also assist low-income families and individuals.

Lakes and Pines Community Action Council: serves Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine counties.
Phone: (320) 679-1800 or (888) 832-6082

Tri-County Community Action Partnership (TCCAP): serves Crow Wing, Morrison, and Todd counties.
Phone: (320) 632-3691 or (888) 441-7215

Additional resources on the web

You can learn more about Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program and view energy assistance guidelines by visiting:

[State of Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program](#)

[State of Minnesota's Home Energy Guide](#)

[Federal Weatherization Assistance Program](#)

Learn more from these videos

[Weatherization video series from the State of Minnesota](#)

[US Department of Energy's video on home energy audits](#)

If you aren't eligible for income qualified assistance, you can contact your local utility: **Mille Lacs Electric Cooperative, East Central Energy, or Crow Wing Power.** They offer Home Energy Assessments and Rebates (electric water heaters, insulation and air sealing, and qualified heating equipment).

Learn more by visiting their websites:

MLEC: **www.mlecmn.net**

(218) 429-0430 or (800) 450-2191

ECE: **www.eastcentralenergy.com**

(800) 254-7944

CWP: **www.cwpower.com**

(218) 829-2827 or (800) 648-9401

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