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**WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CAN HELP WITH HEATING COSTS THIS WINTER**

Now that the calendar has changed to December, lower temperatures and snow are in the not-too-distant future. Colder weather often also leads to higher energy bills, which many people in our community cannot afford. However, there is help for Wisconsin citizens. The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program is available to help reduce the financial burden heating bills can present to some families.

The Wisconsin Division of Energy Services provides assistance to Wisconsin residential households with energy assistance or weatherization needs. If you call them at 1.866.432.8947 you will be connected with a specialist who can screen you for a variety of programs, ranging from utility bill payment assistance to home weatherization services. The program offers heating and electric assistance from October 1-May 15 every year. Emergency furnace repair and replacement may even be available for those who qualify. To see program and eligibility information, visit their website at <http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov>.

Eligibility for most programs is based on household size, income level and household heating costs. They also provide counseling for energy conservation and energy budgets, so every household can benefit from giving them a call, regardless of income level.

For those who want to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need, the MG&E Energy Fund helps local families pay for their heating costs through tax-deductible donations from MG&E customers. One hundred percent of the money collected goes directly to people in need, helping about 300 families each year. You can have a monthly donation added to your energy bill or make a one-time donation by sending your check payable to the "MGE Energy Fund" to Madison Gas and Electric, PO Box 1231, Madison, WI 53701. For more information on the program go to <https://www.mge.com/about-mge/community/energy-fund/>.

No family in need should suffer because they are unable to afford to keep their homes warm during brutal Wisconsin winters. If you know someone in need or someone that might like to help, please pass this information along.

*Rep. Gary Hebl represents the 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the Cities of Sun Prairie and Stoughton, the Village of Cottage Grove, and the Townships of Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Pleasant Springs, and Sun Prairie.*

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