Energy Assistance Available for Low-Income Households

Weatherization Services

When you apply for energy assistance, the local agency also will see if you qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps fund energy-efficiency and home improvement projects. If you are eligible for weatherization services, an energy auditor will look at your home to see what can be done to make it more energy efficient. Weatherization services differ with each home, depending on how it was built and its condition.

For general information about WHEAP or the Weatherization Assistance Program, call 866-HEATWIS 866-432-8947 or visit <u>www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov</u>.

WHEAP Details

WHEAP heat and electric assistance is a one-time benefit payment per heating season that is intended to help pay a portion of a household's heat and electric costs. The benefit amount depends on household size, income, and energy costs.

In most cases, the benefit is applied as a credit directly to the household's Rock Energy account. You do not need to duplicate your efforts by applying for assistance with both your local agency and Rock Energy. WHEAP will send you a letter about one month after receiving your application that will have details on your assistance status and dollar amounts.

You are eligible for heating assistance if your household's combined income is at or below the levels shown on this chart:

WHEAP Income Guidelines for the 2021-2022 Heating Season

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE MONTH INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$ 2,591.92	\$31,103
2	\$ 3,389.42	\$40,673
3	\$ 4,186.92	\$50,243
4	\$ 4,984.42	\$59,813
5	\$ 5,781.92	\$69,383
6	\$ 6,579.42	\$78,953
7	\$ 6,729.00	\$80,748
8	\$ 6,878.50	\$82,542

For many Wisconsin households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. In some cases, families will be forced to make painful decisions about what bills to pay and what necessities to cut.

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) helps eligible low-income households pay for winter energy services. Fortunately, Rock Energy Cooperative works with WHEAP, which benefits about 230,000 Wisconsin households each year.

Where to Apply

To apply for assistance, you'll need to complete a Home Energy Plus application and provide information on each household member and their income as well as records of your heating costs.

For more information and application details, please call your local office:

- Rock County: 608-363-9200, Energy Services Inc., Eclipse Center, 600 Henry Ave., Suite 25A, Beloit, or 1 Parker Place, Suite 405, Janesville.
- Green County: 608-328-1111, Energy Services Inc., 749 10th Ave. Ct., Monroe.
- Walworth County: 262-427-8505, Energy Services Inc., 319 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn.
- Dane County: 608-267-8601, Energy Services Inc., 1225 S. Park St., Madison.