



Energy Assistance, Efficiency, and Weatherization Resources:

As temperatures fall and energy bills rise, the burden of keeping the lights on and heat up increases. Fortunately, resources exist to help families both decrease and pay their bills.

Help paying energy bills (income restrictions):

- [State Emergency Relief](#) (SER) provides assistance to low-income individuals and families when heating or electric service has been or will be cut off
 - Eligibility is based on household size, monthly income, and assets. [See here for more information.](#)
 - Residents can apply through [MIBridges](#) ([Arabic link](#))
 - [Community partners](#) ([Arabic link](#)) can provide computer or internet access and help clients find and apply for benefits
- [Michigan Energy Assistance Program](#) ([Arabic link](#)) is a preventive program designed to provide energy assistance to low-income households so that they can reach energy self-sufficiency.
 - Requires SER eligibility
- Other resources can be found on DTE's website [here](#)

Residential weatherization resources (income restrictions):

- [Weatherization Assistance Program](#) reduces costs by increasing energy efficiency
 - The program offers free wall insulation, attic insulation and ventilation, foundation insulation, air leakage reduction, dryer venting installation, free smoke detectors, and free carbon monoxide detectors
 - Program cannot support structural, plumbing, or electrical repairs
 - Eligibility is based on household size and monthly income. [See here for more information.](#)
 - Residents on enrolled in Supplemental Security Income, State Disability Assistance, or Family Independence Program are automatically eligible

Residential weatherization resources (no income restrictions):

- [DTE](#) offers rebates on energy efficient appliances like washers and dryers, windows, insulations, ACs, and thermostats
- [Federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credit](#) provides up to \$3,200 annually to lower the cost of energy efficient home upgrades by up to 30%
 - Includes heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, insulation, doors and windows, electrical panel upgrades, home energy audits, and more



Business weatherization resources:

- [The RESTART program](#) offers free energy waste reduction and sustainability services to help Michigan manufacturing and commercial sectors decrease pollution and decrease energy usage
 - Businesses must have fewer than 500 FTEs
- [DTE](#) offers free energy consultations to businesses using less than 500,000 kWh of energy per year
- [Property Assessed Clean Energy \(PACE\)](#) provides 100% financing for energy efficiency projects and is structured to eliminate upfront costs and ensure savings immediately outweigh expenses, ensuring positive cashflow

Improvements big and small can lower your energy bills. A [range of grants and tax credits](#) can decrease the price of these investments, shortening the time until you recoup your investment.