



**CERTs**

CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE TEAMS

# Energy Resources for Food Shelf Shoppers

## COST-SAVING ENERGY RESOURCES

**CERTs Home Energy Guides** are easy-to-read guides which provide ways to save money at home. Both renters and owners can use these guides for single-family homes, manufactured homes, and apartments. They're available in many languages including Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/home-energy-guide-tips>

**The Citizens Utility Board (CUB)** provides free utility bill reviews, as well as seasonal energy tips (<https://cubminnesota.org/library/seasonal-energy-tips/>). A utility bill review answers questions you have about your energy billing, finds ways to reduce your energy use, and offers information about cost-saving programs. To schedule a utility bill consultation, call 651-300-4701 ext. 2 or email [info@cubminnesota.org](mailto:info@cubminnesota.org).

**CERTs Guide to the Inflation Reduction Act:** The Inflation Reduction Act is federal bill providing rebates and tax credits to make energy-efficiency upgrades. CERTs' guide shares up-to-date information about how residents can make money-saving upgrades at a low or even no cost. <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/inflation-reduction-act-what-you-need-know>

## LOCAL ASSISTANCE AGENCIES + PROGRAMS

### Community Action Agencies

Community Action Agencies are organizations that provide local, state, and federal resources, including Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance. Find Community Action Agencies by county: <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/economic-assistance/food-nutrition/resources/community-action-agencies.jsp>

### Energy Assistance Program

Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program helps income-eligible households pay for energy and water bills. Local energy assistance providers can help with applications. Call 1-800-657-3710 and enter your ZIP code to find a local provider.

### Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free home energy upgrades (such as wall and attic insulation; air-sealing windows and doors; furnace, boiler, and water repair or replacement) to eligible homeowners and renters. These upgrades help save energy and money and make sure a home is a healthy place to live.

### How to Apply

To apply for Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance, complete an application and submit it to your local service provider online or by mail. The application window **opens in October and closes in May**: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance-program/>



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