

# Programs to Help Renters Save Energy & Money

### **Assistance Paying Energy and Water Bills**

**Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program.** Energy Services, Inc. (<u>esiwi.com</u>) can provide energy assistance (one-time payment toward utilities) and qualify you for additional assistance. Dane County residents can apply by calling 608-333-0333 or filling out an online form using the QR link:



**Keep Wisconsin Warm (Cool) Fund** is a nonprofit that provides additional assistance with utility bills (<u>kwwf.org</u>).

Heat for Heroes provides utility and rental assistance for veterans (heat4heroes.org).

**MadCAP** is a City of Madison Water Utility program that provides either a \$20 or \$30 monthly credit, or discount, to lower-income households on their municipal services bill, which includes water utility costs (cityofmadison.com/water/billing-rates/madcap).

## Help Saving Energy

**Free Energy-Saving Packs.** The packs include LED light bulbs, water-saving devices and other items, depending on which pack you choose. Order online at <u>focusonenergy.com/residential/energy-saving-packs</u>.



**Protect Your Indoor Air Quality.** Focus on Energy provides rebates for home air purifiers to improve indoor air quality. <u>focusonenergy.com/blog/focus-on-breathing-and-beating-</u> <u>seasonal-allergies</u>. And, if you have one, don't forget to clean the filter on your wall or window unit air conditioner before putting it away for the winter.



## Apply for Weatherization, Furnace, and Water Conservation Assistance

\*Before you can apply for Weatherization and Furnace/Water Conservation Assistance, you must be approved for Energy Assistance (see previous page.)

**Project Home** provides three types of assistance to help renters save on energy bills and ensure heating and water systems are working properly. Contact Project Home at 608-246-3737 or use their online application (projecthomewi.org/programs/weatherization).



- *Weatherization Assistance* work may include air sealing and insulating attics, insulating exterior walls, reducing air leakage around windows and doors, repairing or replacing inefficient furnaces, and replacing inefficient refrigerators or freezers.
- *Furnace Assistance* helps qualifying renters facing no-heat situations. If you qualify for Energy Assistance and your furnace has stopped working, contact your energy assistance provider and they will alert Project Home to send out a certified HVAC contractor to repair or possibly replace your heating system at no cost to qualifying households.
- Water Conservation Assistance helps qualifying renters with year-round assistance if they are experiencing leaky or non-working water heaters, leaky fixtures, toilets or piping.



### Look Up Energy Costs Before Choosing a New Home

Moving? Before you rent or purchase a home, use online tools from MGE and Alliant to look up and compare the energy costs of different options when choosing the right place for you.

For MGE Customers: <u>mge.com/customer-service/for-homes/average-energy-use-</u> <u>and-cost</u>

For Alliant Energy Customers: <u>alliantenergy.com/accountandbilling/billmeterrates/</u> <u>averageenergyuse</u>



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