



# ENERGY NEWS FROM CAPNM

(Community Action Partnership of NW MT)



## Need help with your home heating costs?

It's not too late to apply for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

LIEAP applications will be accepted through April 30, 2022 for the 2021/22 heating season. (Postmarked or received in office no later than 4/30/22) Most benefits are retroactive to October 2021 charges, even if you've already made payments to your account.

CAPNM will begin accepting LIEAP applications for the 2022/23 heating season on October 1, 2022.

**If you received a LIEAP benefit since September 1, 2021, you don't need to reapply until Fall 2022.** You'll automatically be mailed an application no later than mid-October. Please notify CAPNM if your mailing address changes.

### Questions?

Call: 406-758-5433  
or 800-344-5979

E-mail: [lieap@capnwmt.org](mailto:lieap@capnwmt.org)

Website: [www.capnm.net](http://www.capnm.net)



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## Energy Share of Montana



Energy Share helps residents faced with energy emergencies meet their need and move toward self-reliance. Eligibility is not determined solely on income, but also on the extenuating circumstances a household is facing.

Energy Share is a private non-profit organization, primarily funded by State-mandated Universal System Benefits Program (USBP) charges, donations from private individuals and corporations, and repayments by previous recipients. To make a donation, please visit Energy Share of Montana's website at [www.energysharemt.com](http://www.energysharemt.com).

If you're facing a no-heat situation, have a past due/disconnect notice or would like more information, contact CAPNM at:



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## New This Year! Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)



The brand new LIHWAP program began on 10/1/21.  
Here's a brief overview:

- Included as part of the 2021/22 LIEAP application (LIEAP & LIHWAP & Weatherization). **Complete one application to apply for all 3 programs!**
- LIHWAP is intended to help pay a portion of your home's Water and/or Waste Water/Sewer bill, including arrearages (**once per LIEAP heating season**).
- **Only if** the bill is in a household member's name **AND** with a participating vendor **AND** your household meets all other LIEAP eligibility criteria. **Exception:** If your water/waste water charges are included in your rent, you may still be eligible. You'll receive additional forms once your LIEAP has been approved.
- Funds may be used for benefit payment, continuity of service, and arrearage payments. **Funds may not** be used for plumbing repairs, pipe replacement, water efficiency, or other water infrastructure.

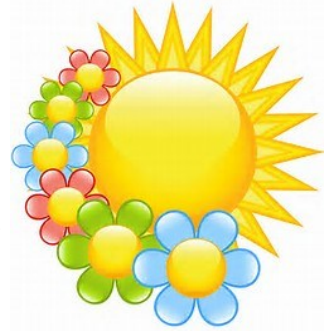
**Participation in LIHWAP and/or Approval of LIHWAP benefits DO NOT EFFECT your LIEAP Approval or Benefits**

## Free Brochures!

CAPNM offers free brochures about weatherization and energy conservation. Contact us if you'd like information on any of the subjects below.

\*Return this form to: CAPNM, 214 Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901

\*Call 406-758-5433 \*E-Mail [lieap@capnwmt.org](mailto:lieap@capnwmt.org)



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## Weatherization Assistance Program



Think.



Act.



Save.

When you apply for LIEAP, you're also applying for the Weatherization Assistance Program. The program works with homeowners and renters to help reduce the high cost of energy.

Each year approximately 4,000 households qualify. However, due to funding restrictions, not every dwelling can be weatherized. Households are prioritized based on annual income and the amount spent on heating bills. Upon reaching the top of the priority list, you'll be contacted by CAPNM's Weatherization Department to set up an appointment to conduct an energy audit.

Based upon the recommendations of the energy auditor, the following actions may be taken: install weatherization measures such as wall, attic, and floor insulation, decrease the air infiltration that comes from doors and windows, and perform efficiency and safety measures on home heating systems.

**Questions? Call CAPNM's  
Weatherization Dept. at 406-758-5402**

**Saving Energy Saves Money**

<p>Turn off lights and electronics when not in use.</p>	<p>Close blinds and curtains during the day to avoid heat gain.</p>	<p>Change AC air filter every 30 days.</p>
<p>Set thermostat to 78 degrees when at home and higher or off when away.</p>	<p>Turn off the oven and grill outside.</p>	<p>Set hot water heater no higher than 120 degrees and limit showers to five minutes.</p>

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