



Get help now. Keep the energy flowing!

If you're having trouble paying your bills due to reduced income or health impacts from COVID-19, please call us right away at:

800-477-5050

We have a variety of options available to help you through this time.

Additional Help Available

Visit **Mi211.org** or call **2-1-1** to connect with the United Way for critical needs such as food, child care and more.

See if you qualify for State Emergency Relief (SER) to help pay part of your energy bill or restore service. Contact your local Department of Health and Human Services office or apply online at: **[Michigan.gov/mibridges](https://michigan.gov/mibridges)**

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Save Money by Lowering Your Energy Bill

If you're spending more time at home, your energy use may be increasing. Follow these easy steps and begin saving money while reducing your energy use.

Heating and Cooling

- Check your filter monthly and change every three months.
- Adjust your thermostat to a suggested 78 degrees during the summer and 68 degrees in winter.
- Open curtains and blinds when it's cold outside to let sunlight warm your home. When it's warm, close blinds to keep rooms cooler.

Electronics

- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Dishwasher

- Load it up! Dishwashers use about the same energy and water regardless of the number of dishes inside.
- The use of the air-dry option avoids using the heat-dry, rinse-hold and pre-rinse features.

Laundry

- Wash with cold water and clean the dryer filter after every load.
- Consider air-drying clothes outside or on an indoor drying rack.

Lighting

- Turning off lights on sunny days can reduce lighting costs by up to 40%.



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