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## Energy Assistance Programs

The State of Michigan and some utilities offer help with meeting the costs of heating, electricity, water/sewer and garbage collection. In the U.P., these programs include:

### Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP):

This program provides crisis assistance for energy-related issues, including electric and heat bills.

### MI Impact Program (MIP):

MIP offers those eligible assistance with heat, electric, water, sewer and garbage costs.

### UPPCO Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed Program (ALICE Program):

This program targets Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) customers in the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population. The program can provide electric energy assistance, upgrades to weatherize housing and more.

To learn more about these assistance programs and learn if you are eligible, call the Superior

**Watershed Partnership Energy Office at (906) 273-2742.**

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## Lower Your Energy Bill

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Weatherization Assistance Program provides free energy efficiency upgrades like weather stripping and refrigerator replacements for low-income homeowners. To learn more about the program, go to [Bit.ly/3UcuiCk](https://bit.ly/3UcuiCk).



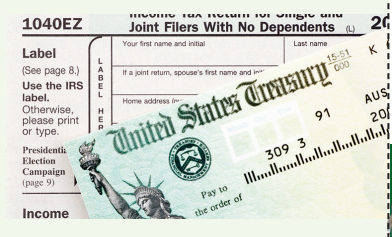
## Save on Efficient Appliances

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 includes hundreds of millions of dollars for Michigan homeowners to lower their utility bills. Starting in October 2024, low- and middle-income families will be able to purchase new appliances like ovens, furnaces and electric panels at steep discounts thanks to federal funding. More about these programs can be found at [bit.ly/3I1uAVp](https://bit.ly/3I1uAVp).



## Tax Resources

Looking to save on your taxes and lower your utility bills? New federal tax credits can save you up to 30% on geothermal and battery installations, up to \$7,500 on used and new electric cars, \$1,200 on weatherizing your home, and \$2,000 on a new water heater. For more information, go to: [Bit.ly/4bad7Yc](https://bit.ly/4bad7Yc).



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# Clean Energy Resources

- Water heating makes up about 90% of energy used by clothes washers. Using cold water decreases energy use.
- Replace your light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs.
- Open your curtains during the daytime to allow the sun to naturally heat your home.
- By turning your thermostat down 10-15 degrees while at work, you can save about 10% a year on heating bills.
- Contact your local community action agency to see if you qualify for a free home energy audit. To find your community action agency, go to [bit.ly/3SbiKge](https://bit.ly/3SbiKge).

# Community and Worker Economic Transition Act

Exciting new opportunities are coming with recent changes in Michigan law. The Community and Worker Economic Transition Act acknowledges our changing energy landscape and the need for economic certainty during this historic transition. It's vital that we ensure this transition benefits everyone in the U.P.

The act, which took effect Feb. 13, 2024, will create a community and worker economic transition office within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

The office will aid workers who are impacted by the global transition from fossil energy to renewable energy sources.

By providing workers with the tools and resources necessary to ensure Michigan's industries remain competitive, we will ensure continued prosperity for communities and neighborhoods across our state.



# New Economic Development and Job Opportunities to the U.P.



By 2040, Michigan will be producing and storing energy made through cheap and renewable sources like wind and solar, and that means more opportunities for working people. We're positioning our state to reach true energy independence by creating good-paying jobs that will strengthen the lifeblood of Michigan.

Renewable energy projects promote energy independence, help farmers keep their farms, and keep our air and water clean and safe. They also provide important economic benefits like lower utility bills and reliable generation. These are smart solutions and opportunities to open more doors for Michiganders.



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