

If you do not completely fill out all 3 pages of this application, we'll have to return it to you to get the missing information and we won't be able to process it until you complete it. Please read carefully:



Energy Share of Montana is a nonprofit organization whose main purpose is to help Montanans facing loss of heat or electricity in their home and who have no way to pay that bill themselves.

People that apply for Energy Share need to be facing some sort of situation that, without intervention, would cause them to be without heat or electricity.

Examples include having:

- **A past due or disconnect notice**
- **Less than 2 weeks' credit on a flex or pre-pay meter**
- **Need for a deposit for an electricity or natural gas account**
- **Less than 15% propane or 5 inches of heating oil, or less than ¼ cord of wood or 5 bags of pellets.**

Energy Share is not intended to be an annual subsidy.

Energy Share assistance is situationally-based, not income-based. Applications are reviewed by a local Committee on a case by case basis - one size does not fit all. Committee members and (HRDC name) work within contractual guidelines from Energy Share to determine assistance.

If applying for Energy Share from September through April, you will also be asked to be screened for LIHEAP by submitting an application for that program. If you qualify for LIHEAP there are other benefits such as getting on a list for weatherization of your home, and depending on who your energy provider is, possibly receiving discounts on your monthly energy bills. We want to make sure you receive as many benefits as possible. You can submit both applications at the same time.

In some parts of Montana, Energy Share used to be known as an interest-free loan program. Repayment or partial repayment of assistance will still be accepted *if you are able to do so*, but repayments are not required. However, there is a limit of the amount of assistance you may receive within a 5 year timeframe.

Please complete every part of all 3 pages of this application, and remember to have all household members 18 years and older sign page 3.

Things that have to be included with this application:

- ✓ Your most recent past due or disconnect notice, even if your service has already been terminated;
- ✓ If you're requesting help with a deposit, a statement from your vendor of what needs to be paid (deposit amount, past due balance) and your account number;
- ✓ If you're asking for help with propane or oil, include the amount currently in your tank and size of tank, a letter from the propane/oil vendor stating you are a customer, price per gallon, minimum delivery, and your purchase/ payment history;
- ✓ If you're requesting help with wood/pellets, include the amount you currently have left;
- ✓ Verification of all income within the last 30 days for all household members 18 years and older;
- ✓ A recent, 30-day bank statement.

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Submitting this application may not prevent disconnection. If you have a disconnect date set by your utility company prior to a Committee review, it is your responsibility to contact the utility company to extend your disconnect date, if possible. Notice of the Committee's decision will be mailed to you and your vendor.

If you have a medical need for your electric service to be on, contact your utility company to see if they're willing to work with you to keep your utility service active.

Applications and documentation can be sent via:

- **Mail: HRDC District 7-PO Box 2016, Billings, MT 59103**
- **Drop Off: 3116 1st Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101 (Mail slot in front door)**
- **Email: liweap@hrdc7.org**
- **Fax: 406-247-4791**
- **Phone: 406-247-4778**

Applicant initials – I have read and understand the information on this page. _____

The decision of the Local Energy Share Committee is final and cannot be appealed.