



**CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD**

**Empowering Minnesota Consumers**





# **Energy Bills- What you need to know**

Women's Advocates

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# Overview

-  Introduction of the Citizens Utility Board
-  Your Bills and Ways to Save Energy and Money
-  Help with Bills
-  Steps to Take



CUB is a  
nonprofit,  
independent  
consumer  
advocate.

# Focus on What You Can Control

If renting,

- Rent + **Utilities** = housing costs
- When looking for a new place, ask about average energy costs
- Know your rights and responsibilities per your lease

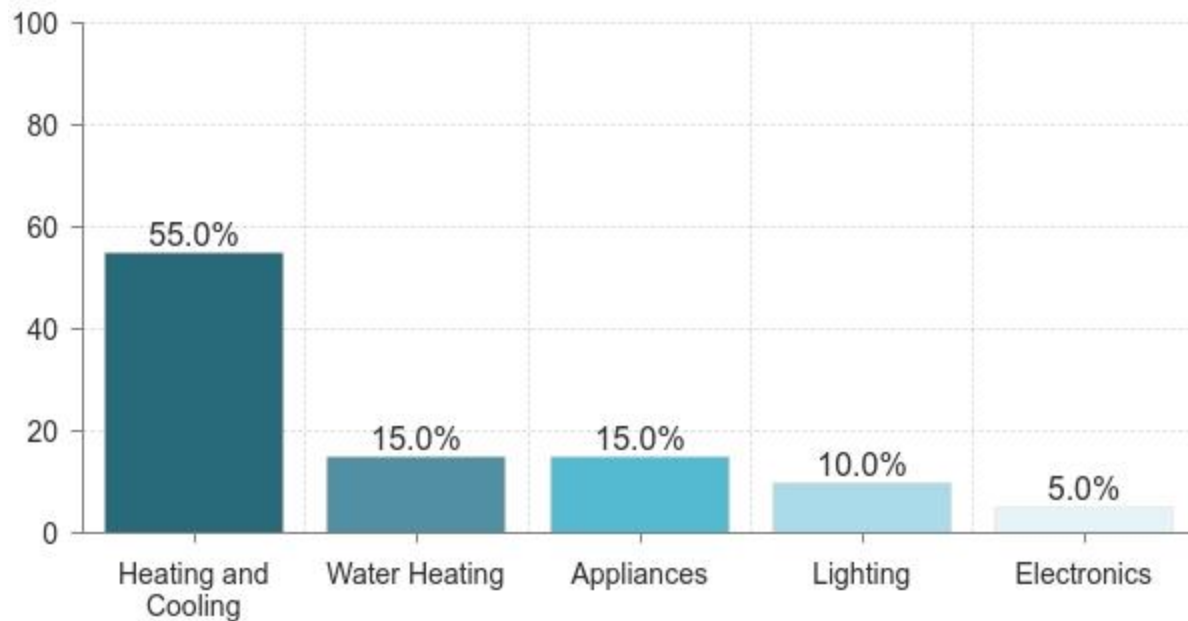


Time of Rent Energy Disclosure- Starting in Minneapolis in 2021

# Energy Bills

## Breakdown of Home Energy Usage

Source: MN Dept. of Commerce, Home Energy Guide, August 2018





# Bill Examples

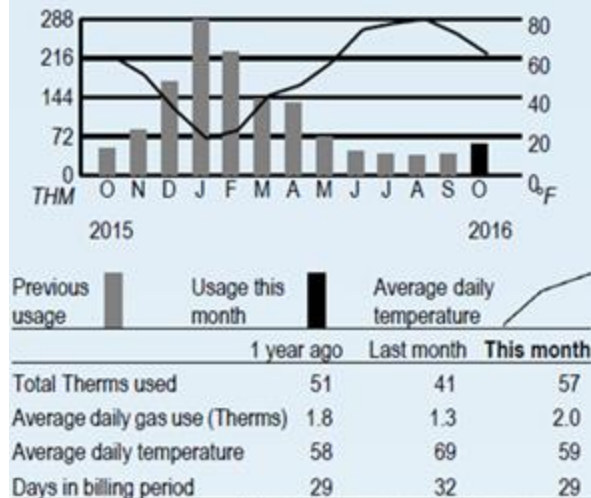


## YOUR MONTHLY ELECTRICITY USAGE



DAILY AVERAGES	Last Year	This Year
Temperature	73° F	75° F
Electricity kWh	12.8	17.9
Electricity Cost	\$2.32	\$2.97

## Your usage in a glance



To better understand your home energy usage and learn energy savings tips, visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/myenergyanalyzer](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/myenergyanalyzer)



# **METER READING INFORMATION**

Read Dates: 05/20/20 - 06/21/20 (32 Days)

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	USAGE
Total Energy	52400 Actual	51477 Actual	923 kWh

## **ELECTRICITY CHARGES**

### **RATE: Residential Service**

DESCRIPTION	USAGE UNITS	RATE	CHARGE
Basic Service Chg			\$8.00
Energy Charge Summer	605.72 kWh	\$0.103010	\$62.40
Energy Charge Winter	317.28 kWh	\$0.088030	\$27.93
Fuel Cost Charge	923 kWh	\$0.031148	\$28.75
Decoupling Adj	923 kWh	\$0.003069	\$2.83
Res Savers Switch AC			- \$17.87 <b>CR</b>
Res Savers Switch WH			- \$2.39 <b>CR</b>
Affordability Chrg			\$0.98
Resource Adjustment			\$6.40
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$117.03</b>
Transit Improvement Tax		0.50%	\$0.59
County Tax		0.15%	\$0.17
State Tax		6.875%	\$8.05
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$125.84</b>

Fixed costs



Variable costs



Taxes & fees



Saver switch



# Help with Bills

Energy Assistance based on income and family size. Eligibility can qualify you for other assistance.

- Available to renters and homeowners.
- Can be used for utility bills (electric and gas) and delivered fuels.
- Can help with emergency heating repairs.
- Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County: 952-930-3541
- Ramsey/Washington County Residents: 651-645-6445
- Other counties, please call 1-800-657-3710 to find your local provider.
- Apply each year in the fall through May 31. It is first come first served.

## 2021 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

Household Size	3 Month Max	Annual Income
1	\$7,066	\$28,266
2	\$9,240	\$36,963
3	\$11,415	\$45,660
4	\$13,589	\$54,357
5	\$15,763	\$63,054
6	\$17,937	\$71,751
7	\$18,345	\$73,382

# Use Less Energy: Winter



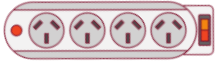
## Control room temperature

- Keep at 68° when home
- Reduce up to 10° while asleep or away, Never lower than 55°
- Use a programmable thermostat to make it easy to manage your temperature
- Use the sun to warm your home
- Wear layers
- Avoid or minimize space heater use

# Use Less Energy



Turn off/unplug electronics when not used (avoid vampire use)



Consider power strips or smart strips



Use LED Light Bulbs



Run a full dishwasher, turn off heated drying; run full loads of laundry, wash with cold water



# Thank you

**Contact the Citizens Utility Board of  
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