
Please fill in
Inability to Pay Declaration form,
sign and return to:

Agralite Electric Cooperative
PO Box 228
Benson, MN 56215

Include Third Party Notice Form,
if applicable.

Assistance Agencies

Swift County Human Services
410 21st St S
Benson, MN 56215
(320) 843-3160

Pope County Human Services
211 Minnesota Ave E, Suite 200
Glenwood, MN 56334
(320) 634-7755

Stevens County Human Services
400 Colorado Ave
Morris, MN 56267
(320) 208-6600

Big Stone County Family Services
340 2nd St NW
Ortonville, MN 56278
(320) 839-2555

Prairie Five Community Action
640 Atlantic Ave
Benson, MN 56215
(320) 842-8565

Prairie Five Community Action
719 N 7th St, Suite 302
Montevideo, MN 56265
(320) 269-6578

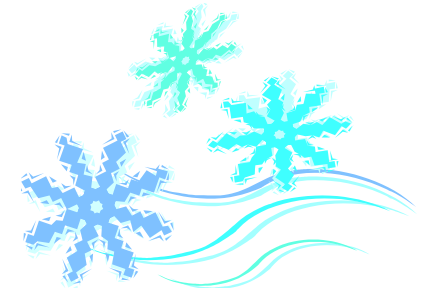
West Central MN Comm Action
411 Industrial Park Blvd
Elbow Lake, MN 56531
1-800-492-4805



Cold Weather Rule

Agralite Electric Cooperative
320 East Highway 12
PO Box 228
Benson, MN 56215
1-800-950-8375

**How to Protect and Reconnect
Your Heat**



Can my heat be disconnected in the winter?

Yes.

You must make and keep a payment arrangement with your utility to receive Cold Weather Rule (CWR) protection. The payments do not need to be the same each month.

This applies to all residential customers, including senior citizens and families with young children.

If you make and keep a CWR payment plan, you are protected until April 30.

How do I apply for the CWR?

Contact your utility and request a CWR payment arrangement.

All natural gas and electric utilities must follow some level of the Cold Weather Rule.

If you need electricity to keep your heat on, you may apply for Cold Weather Rule protection with your electric company.

Delivered fuels such as fuel oil, propane and wood are not covered by the CWR.

The utility is required to begin notifying customers of CWR rights and responsibilities.

September 1

The CWR begins. Customers can start making arrangements. This applies whether or not your service has been shut off.

October 1

Customers with current arrangements should contact their utility if payments cannot be made as planned.

Customers can make arrangements with their utilities throughout the CWR season.

The CWR ends. Customers can contact their utility to continue payment arrangements.

April 30

Utility Requirements

Prior to disconnecting service between October 1 and April 30, the utility must provide the following information:

- Notice of disconnection
- Details on payment plans and how to stop the disconnection
- How to appeal if you and the utility cannot agree on a payment plan
- A list of local energy assistance and weatherization providers*
- No-cost and low-cost methods of conserving energy
- A Third Party Notice form

*See reverse side for a list of energy assistance agencies.

Need help reading or understanding notices from your utility?

You may arrange for another person to receive copies of any disconnection notices or other important information by submitting a Third Party Notice form.

The person listed to receive Third Party Notice is not responsible for payment.

Inability to Pay Declaration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Account # _____

Total Annual Household Income:

I am unable to pay my monthly electric bill. Please send me details on a monthly payment plan.

(Signature of account holder)

Third Party Notice Form

Please send copies of my bills and disconnect notices to the following. I understand this person is **not** responsible for payment.

Name _____

Address _____

(Signature of account holder)