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



This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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

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

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.

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

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

April 30

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

Address _____

Inability to Pay Declaration

State Zip

Account #

Total Annual Household Income:

Name

City

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)

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