



**Need assistance in paying your utility bills? Here are a few resources available that might be able to offer help!**

Call the township trustee in your area to ask for more information on utility bill assistance:

**Allen County Trustees:**

[www.allencounty.us/community/list-of-township-trustees](http://www.allencounty.us/community/list-of-township-trustees)

Township	Trustee	Phone #
Aboite	Barbara Krisher	432-0970 or 432-4744
Adams	Brian Yoh	749-4162
Cedar Creek	Carole Kruckeberg	627-5695
Eel River	Selma Hough	637-0238
Jackson	Joseph Gerig	704-8189
Jefferson	Bob Tepin	749-1360 or 414-3141
Lafayette	Patrick Lee	414-8148
Lake	Dan Linnemeier	625-1090 or 625-3777
Madison	Troy McDonald	639-6052
Marion	Harold Kleine	639-3062
Maumee	Brian Hoepfner	632-9977 or 632-5760
Milan	Chad MacDowell	632-4511
Monroe	Max Joseph Meyer	623-3717
Perry	Roger Gump	449-3748 or 637-5320
Pleasant	John Henry	639-6251
St. Joseph	Richard Uhrick	485-5993 or 485-8562
Scipio	Marty Dager	657-8001
Springfield	Bruce Amstutz	657-3422 or 434-4323
Washington	Robert Arnold	449-3354 or 489-9311
Wayne	Richard Stevenson Sr.	449-7000

**Whitley County Trustees:**

Township	Trustee	Phone #
Cleveland	Roland King	723-5475
Columbia	Mike Myers	244-0045
Etna Troy	Phyllis Wheeler	327-3230
Jefferson	Chad Nix	229-2347
Richland	Darcy Hoopingarner	723-6762
Smith	Patty Amber	693-3266
Thorncreek	Eugene Heckman	691-2085
Union	Mark Roach	244-4033
Washington	Kevin Bollinger	723-6985

**Community Action of Northeast Indiana (CANI)**

With cold weather, heating costs often rise. CANI's Energy Assistance program may help in meeting some of these costs. Applications are now being taken at the following locations:

**Allen County site:**

Lakeside Office Park\*  
2260 Lake Avenue  
(260) 423-3546 • 1-800-589-2264

\*Walk-ins must be at site before 8 a.m.

**Whitley County site:**

Lehmberg Medical Building  
333 N. Oak Street, Suite M  
(260) 248-2848 • 1-888-437-5013  
Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**Adjoining counties:**

DeKalb County 1-888-437-5009  
LaGrange County 1-888-437-5010  
Noble County 1-888-437-5011  
Stueben County 1-888-437-5012

The following information must be provided to complete an application:

- Proof of household gross income for the past 12 months for everyone in the household age 18 and older. If anyone 18 or older in the household has no income, they must have a notarized statement indicating what they have lived on for the past year.
- Current heating and light bills for residence.
- Social Security numbers for everyone in the household.

**Annual income guidelines:**

One-person household \$16,245  
Two-person household \$21,855  
Three-person household \$27,465  
Four-person household \$33,075

(For each additional household member, add \$5,610 annually.)

Once you have completed your application with CANI and have been approved for the Energy Assistance

- program, please bring a copy of your approved application to Northeastern REMC for processing. This will keep your account from being disconnected through the winter months. Please note that the approved money from CANI is not received until after the first of the year, therefore, your account is not credited until payment is received.

**CANI's Energy-Saving Tips:**

- Change your furnace filter every two months. The furnace will heat better, and less hot air will go up the chimney.
- Check heat registers to make sure they are not blocked by furniture or carpeting.
- Try to set the thermostat back while you are at work or asleep. The ideal winter inside temperature is 68 degrees or less, unless you have medical problems.
- Make sure the windows are firmly closed and window locks are tight. Reduce drafts around windows.
- Install a water heater blanket. Don't insulate the top of a gas water heater because of the potential for fire.
- Turn the temperature on the water heater down to 120-125 degrees.
- Buy a low-flow shower head and take short, five-minute showers.
- Wash your clothes in cold water.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in fixtures that are going to be on eight or more hours a day. Turn off lights you are not using.
- Buy appliances with an Energy Star® rating.
- Be sure your walls have insulation and your attic has 10" of insulation.

**Internal Revenue Service**

You may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) if you work and have earned income under \$38,646. A tax credit usually means more money in your pocket and reduces the amount

of tax you owe. The EIC may also give you a refund. Qualifications are:

- You must have a valid social security number.
- Your filing status cannot be "married filing separately."
- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year.
- You cannot file Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ.
- Your investment income must be \$3,100 or less.
- You must have earned income.
- Your earned income and your AGI must be less than:
  - \$13,460 with no qualifying children,
  - \$35,535 with one qualifying child,
  - \$40,363 with two qualifying children
  - \$43,352 with three or more qualifying children.

**Note:** There are additional rules depending if you have or do not have a qualifying child or if married filing jointly. For more information, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or view publication 596 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). If you qualify, it could mean more money in your paycheck. You will need to complete IRS form W-5 with your employer to begin receiving your credit.

#### **HELPLINE of Whitley County**

HELPLINE of Whitley County provides information regarding resources for food, clothing, and other items free of charge as they are available.

Most food banks will provide home delivery to the elderly or ill.

Helpline has limited funds for emergency items not covered by other agencies.

Before requesting assistance with utility bills, contact the Whitley County Energy Assistance Fund and your township trustee.

HelpLine can be contacted at 248-2601.



#### **How does a payment agreement with Northeastern REMC work?**

Payment agreements are available for those with a past due balance and subject to disconnect. The customer must contact the office at least one day prior to scheduled disconnection.

By making this agreement, your account will not be disconnected and payments of your total account balance can be paid over a specified length of time.

For more information, call our office at (260) 625-3700 or 244-6111 during our regular office hours of Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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