

Are you getting behind on your utility bills?



Don't get buried in bills... **GET HELP!**

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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:

Aboite	Barbara Krisher	(260) 432-0970 or 432-4744
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Cleveland	James Yeager	(260) 723-5475
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Jackson	Gwen Ostrom	(260) 839-4803 or 839-4535

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Brightpoint (formerly CANI)

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

Allen County:

227 East Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(260) 423-3546 • 1-800-589-2264
Mon. - Thurs. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

DeKalb County:

209 N. Jackson St.
Auburn, IN 46706
1-888-437-5009
Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LaGrange County:

109 E. Central Ave., Suite 4
LaGrange, IN 46761
1-888-437-5009
Monday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Noble County:

119 W. Mitchell Street
Kendallville, IN 46755
1-888-437-5011
Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Steuben County:

213A Martha Street
Angola, IN 46703
1-888-437-5013
Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Whitley County:

885 W. Connexion Way
Columbia City, IN 46725
1-888-437-5013
Tues. and Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The following information must be provided to complete an application:

- Proof of income for the last 12 months for all household members 18 and older. Anyone 18 and older with no income must submit a Zero Income Verification Form and the Indiana Workforce Development Release of Information Form.
- If renting, a completed landlord affidavit.

- Most current electric and heating utility bills.
- A school schedule for anyone in the household who is 18 and older and in school.
- Social Security cards for everyone in the household one year and older. A Social Security Number (SSN) is required for all persons in the household over the age of one, if they have one. It can be in the form of the Social Security card, pay stub containing name and full SSN, Social Security Award Letter with full SSN, or a federal form with full SSN on it. IRS 1040s cannot be used to verify SSNs.
- Photo IDs for all household members 18 and older.
- Households claiming Veteran status must provide a DD-214 or Veteran's Administration Identification card.

Annual income guidelines:

- One-person household \$17,820
- Two-person household \$24,030
- Three-person household \$30,240
- Four-person household \$36,450
(For each additional household member, add \$6,240 annually.)

Once you have completed your application with Brightpoint 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 Brightpoint is not received until after the first of the year, therefore, your account is not credited until payment is received.

Internal Revenue Service

You may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) if you work and have earned income under \$46,997. 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 \$3,350 or less.
- You must have earned income.

Your earned income and your AGI must be less than:

- \$14,880 with no qualifying children,
- \$39,296 with one qualifying child,
- \$44,648 with two qualifying children,
- \$47,955 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. 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 Whitley County Energy Assistance Fund, Inc. and your Township Trustee.

HelpLine can be contacted at (260) 248-2601.



How does a payment agreement with Northeastern REMC work?

Payment agreements are available for those with a past-due balance and are subject to disconnection. The member 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.

Ask us about our pre-pay plan

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