

# Kentucky

## Energy Savings Fact Sheet

### Changes Ahead

Winter is coming! Average electricity prices for homeowners have increased 10.5% over the same time period last year and could increase an additional 3% in 2023. Homeowners should be prepared that a larger percentage of household budget will be for electricity and home heating fuel expenses.

### What's Going On?

The global pandemic and war have disrupted global energy markets. Kentucky's coal and gas resources are global commodities and due to supply and demand changes, prices have risen just like other items we use every day. As a result of fuel prices increasing, the price consumers pay for electricity will rise going into winter when heating demand increases.

### Energy Efficiency Tips to Increase Savings

- Open window curtains during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat the home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- Replace furnace and heat pump filters once a month or as needed.
- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of drafty window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is tightly sealed.
- When you are home and awake, set the thermostat as low as is comfortable.
- Keep the temperature of the water heater on the warm setting (120°F). This also helps avoid scalding.
- Find and seal air leaks around chimneys, pipe cut-throughs, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Scan here for more information and tips on how to save money:



### Utility Resources

There are many free resources available to you to help reduce the cost of your utilities.

To find a community action network in your area and apply for LIHEAP and weatherization assistance, please visit:

<https://www.capky.org/network/>

Contact your utility provider to see if they are offering financial assistance on your bill. Many have resources available upon request.

To learn more about energy affordability, visit:

<https://eec.ky.gov/Energy/Programs/EnergyAffordability/Pages/default.aspx>

For additional resources in your community you can also contact your Family Resource Youth Service Center coordinator:

<https://bit.ly/FRYSCContacts>

### Need Help with Your Energy Bill?

Find utility assistance in your area:



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