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West Ohio Community Action Partnership

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The Winter Crisis Program (WCP) Ends March 31, 2026

The Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Ohioans who are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected from their utility service, transferring services, establishing new services, or at or below 25% bulk fuel, may also be eligible for the Heat Winter Crisis Program, available now and through March 31, 2026.

Eligible households can receive up to \$175 if they are a client of a regulated utility, \$750 if they are a client of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities, up to \$650 for coal or wood, or up to \$1200 for bulk fuel clients. The assistance is applied to the utility bill. WCP has an additional benefit for heating unit repair/replacement up to \$1500.

Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit	30-Day Income Limit
1	\$27,387.50	\$2,251.03
2	\$37,012.50	\$3,042.12
3	\$46,637.50	\$3,833.22
4	\$56,262.50	\$4,624.32
5	\$65,887.50	\$5,415.41
6	\$75,512.50	\$6,206.51
7	\$85,137.50	\$6,977.60
8	\$94,762.50	\$7,786.70

Individuals will need to have copies of the following documents to include with their application:

- Most recent utility bills.
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers)
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types)
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members
- Proof of disability (if applicable)

***Note: For the WCP the utility companies will only allow ONE hold for WCP and that cannot be extended.
A missed appointment may result in utilities being shut off.

For More Program Information Please Contact:

West Ohio CAP Allen Co 540 S. Central Ave. Lima, OH 45804 (419) 227-2586 M-F 8am-5pm	West Ohio CAP Aug Co Located in Mercy Unlimited 38 E Auglaize St Wapakoneta, OH 45895 (419) 227-2586 Ext 289 M-F 8am-4:30pm	West Ohio CAP Mercer Co Located in the basement of the 441 building 441 E Market St Celina, OH 45822 (419) 227-2586 M-F 8am-5pm
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Phone appointments can be made by calling 419-495-0200