

Utility Assistance

1. Catholic Charities: 876-0490
 - a. If an individual or family can ordinarily pay their monthly obligations, but are threatened with disconnection of electric, water, or gas utilities due to any one of the following circumstances, financial assistance may be provided to help stop the disconnection:
 - The number of hours worked have gone down due to company downsizing (must have occurred within the last two months assistance is sought);
 - Loss of employment and the individual has written proof of eligibility to receive Unemployment Benefits, but those benefits have not yet arrived or are not enough to pay all household expenses;
 - Sickness kept the individual from working for a few days or a few weeks and their employment does not have paid sick leave days available for them or Workman's Compensation benefits are being received but are not enough to pay household expenses;
 - Repairs of any kind (such as electrician, plumber, car, appliance, etc.) took up the money that was to be used for utilities;
 - Medical bills or excessive medication costs took up the money that would have been used for utilities.
 - b. Catholic Charities does not take applications for utility assistance in their building. To apply for help, the individual or family should contact the church they attend or the Catholic Church nearest their home.
 - c. Items needed to fill out the application include: Proof of household income, proof of household expenses, SNAP and Child Support printouts, as well as any documentation that can show us why the particular utility bill is not able to be paid (such as proof of unemployment benefits, statement from employer stating dates of medical leave, receipts for payment of car repairs, electricians, plumbers, medication, etc.)