

Minnesota Cold Weather Rule

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule is in effect from October 1 through April 15 each year. The Cold Weather Rule protects residential utility customers from having your heat shut off, if you make and keep an affordable payment plan with your utility provider. The Cold Weather Rule applies to homeowners and renters who pay their own heat.

Contrary to popular belief, the Cold Weather Rule is NOT a moratorium on utility disconnections. In order to keep your heat, on or to reconnect your heat, you must contact your electric and/or natural gas company to make and keep a payment plan.

Information about the Energy Assistance Program and the application is available on Tri-CAP's website on the Assistance/Energy page.