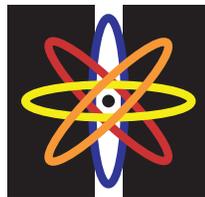


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## Make sure your home is energy efficient BEFORE winter gets here!



It seems odd to think about a cold January in balmy September, but now is the time to increase the energy efficiency of your home with these easy tips.

- Schedule a professional furnace tune up and change the filter. Having a tune up pays for itself in increased efficiency plus an inspection may uncover potential safety hazards. Replacing the filter helps increase airflow so your furnace doesn't have to run longer than necessary.
- Purchase and install a programmable thermostat. Set the thermostat to match your daily schedule and lifestyle. According to energystar.gov, setting your thermostat 4° to 7° higher while you are asleep or away can save \$180 a year. HMU offers rebates for installing programmable thermostats.
- Check windows and doors for air leaks. Stop letting warm air out and cold air in.
- Check insulation in attics and walls. Adding insulation helps keep warm air where it belongs; inside. HMU offers rebates for insulation. See us for details.
- If you have to replace your furnace, you may be eligible for a rebate. Before buying a new furnace, check the rebate schedule and factor that into upgrading your furnace to a higher efficiency.
- Find important rebate information under the Customer Service tab at: **Harlannet.com**

## Quick Tips

### **AUTO PAY**

AutoPay is quick, easy and free. Set up your utility bill to be automatically paid through your checking, savings or credit card account. No more late payments. No more writing out and mailing or dropping off a check. More peace of mind knowing it's one less thing to worry about each month. See us for details on setting up AutoPay.



### **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?**

Get your fall football fix with HMU cable. Find college and pro games all Fall long on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, ESPN, and NFL networks and more. A whole home DVR from HMU records up to six games at once. Pause in one room, pick up where you left off in another room. A jump back button allows you to have your own instant replay. Skip or fast forward through commercials when you watch replays of recorded programs. See us for details.

# LIHEAP Enrollment Begins October 1st

Applications will be taken starting November 1, 2018 for the 2018-2019 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Households with an elderly (60 years and older) and/or disabled member may apply starting October 1st. This program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/DCAA.

West Central Community Action, 1017 7th St., Harlan, IA 51537, (712) 755-5602 will be taking applications by appointment only through April 30, 2019. Please call 712-755-5602 to schedule an appointment.

Applicants must verify the identity of every member of the household with a Social Security Cards or I-94 Cards with the documented country. Applicants must supply a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill and proof of all household members' gross income for the past 30-days or provide their 2017 Federal Income Taxes.

This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs, but will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors including total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel.

## Income Maximums

Household Size	LIHEAP 1-Month Gross Income	LIHEAP Annual Gross Income
1	\$1,770	\$21,245
2	\$2,400	\$28,805
3	\$3,030	\$36,365
4	\$3,660	\$43,925
5	\$4,290	\$51,485
6	\$4,920	\$59,045
7	\$5,550	\$66,605
8	\$6,180	\$74,165

For households with more than 8 members, add \$630 / \$7,560 for each additional member.



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## Natural Gas Safety Notice

Operating a safe gas system is one of our highest priorities. Enclosed with the newsletter is our brochure on natural gas. Please take the time to read it and discuss it with family members.

- ALWAYS call 811 before you dig to make sure there are no gas lines in the area of digging. HMU will locate gas lines owned and operated by HMU up to the meter for free when you call 811.
- Customer owned piping including gas lines running to grills, yard lights, out buildings or garages will not be marked by HMU as these lines are after the meter and owned by the customer. Contact a plumbing or heating dealer or qualified private contractor to locate gas piping owned by you.
- Insist others performing work for you call before they dig.
- Learn how to recognize a gas leak and what to do if one happens. See the brochure for signs of a gas leak.
- Do not cover or obstruct gas meters. Make sure we can get to a meter if necessary.
- Keep our number by your phone and call us any time of day if you suspect a gas leak. Call 755-5182 24 hours a day.