



LEAP

warmth in every home

LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that helps eligible Colorado families, seniors and individuals pay a portion of their winter home heating cost. This program is not designed to pay the entire cost of home heating, but rather to help ease some of the burden associated with the colder months.

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Reside in Colorado and are lawfully present in the United States.
- Have household income at or below 165% of poverty; for example, gross monthly income limit for family of 1 is \$1,618, each additional family member raises the limit by \$572 per person.

Members interested in receiving **LEAP** benefits must fill out a **LEAP** application. In addition to the application form, applicants must submit:

- Readable copy of a valid photo identification
- Social Security number, birth date for all members of the applicant's household
- Proof of all monthly household income (pay stubs, award letters, loans, etc.)
- A copy of most recent heat bill (if you pay your heat as a part of your rent, include most recent rent receipt)

Return your application to Gunnison County Dept. of Human Services; **OR** mail to **LEAP**, PO BOX 39200, Colorado Springs, CO 80949 **OR** Fax to: 719-633-9098 **OR** Email to: LEAPHELP@discovermygoodwill.org

The Gunnison/Hinsdale Department of Human Services (GCDHS) accepts applications from November 1 through April 30 each year.

For more information call GCDHS at 970-641-3244 or 1-866-432-8435.

— WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS —

Take time to make home improvements that will boost energy efficiency. You can save energy and increase your comfort in your home by following these simple tips.

Seal Air Leaks

Seal leaks around your home including your basement and attic. Add caulk or weatherstrip around your windows, doors, and any place where two different building materials meet.

Install Programmable Thermostats

Installing a programmable thermostat can help you save money and keeps your home comfortable by automatically adjusting your temp settings while you're asleep or away.

Increase Insulation When Insufficient

Insulating attics, walls, crawlspaces/basements is key to preventing heat from escaping your home and cool air from entering.

Cover Drafty Windows

Cover your windows and frame with heavy-duty, clear plastic. The plastic window film that you can purchase at the hardware store shrinks to a clear finish so you still have a view, but it keeps the drafts out.

Maintain Your Heating System

Have your system serviced once a year by a professional to make sure it is operating efficiently. Replace furnace filters once a month or as needed during winter months. Clean the flue vent regularly in your wood- and pellet-burning heaters

Schedule an Energy Audit

An energy audit can be the first step to help you save energy and money. If you would like professional assistance in determining how to save energy, contact GCEA to schedule a free comprehensive energy audit.



**GUNNISON COUNTY
ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

 A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

GCEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For more tips on how you can save energy and money, please call GCEA your Touchstone Energy Cooperative at 970-641-3520 or visit www.gcea.coop.