



Three easy ways to help manage your electric bill

1. Rebates

MID has energy efficiency rebates that are simple and easy to apply for:

➤ **Buy CFLs - LIGHTS FOR LE\$\$**

Lighting is typically 15 to 25 percent of your electricity usage. But changing out just five high-use light fixtures or the bulbs in them with higher efficiency ENERGY STAR® qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) will save your family more than \$60 every year in electricity costs.

CFLs compared to incandescent light bulbs provide the same amount of light while using a quarter the amount of energy and lasting four to eight times longer.

Buy \$20 worth of CFLs anywhere you choose – lighting store, home improvement store or even on the Internet – and receive a \$10 credit on your MID bill.

To receive credit, submit your light bulb receipts and a LIGHTS FOR LE\$\$ rebate coupon to MID. Coupons are available at local retailers and online at www.mid.org. Limit two rebates per customer per year.

➤ **Refrigerator recycling**

Many households have two or more refrigerators or freezers; and over half of second refrigerators are more than 10 years old. These older, second refrigerators or freezers can add an extra \$9 to \$16 to your monthly electric bill. That's a \$108 to \$192 per year you could be saving!

MID will give you \$35 for recycling your old refrigerator or freezer. You can arrange for your refrigerator or freezer to be conveniently picked up at your home or office and taken away to be recycled.

Refrigerators and freezers must be 10 to 30 cubic feet in size, empty and in working condition at the time of pickup. Limit two refrigerators or freezers per customer, per year.

To learn more about these rebates and others offered by MID, visit www.mid.org/rebates or call 209 526-7339.

2. Do-it-Yourself Energy-Saving Home Improvements

There are several easy, do-it-yourself energy-saving home improvements that can help you save energy and money on your electric bills:

➤ **Seal drafty doors and windows**

Stopping drafts around doors and windows helps lower your energy costs. A few dollars worth of caulk and weatherstripping (available at any home improvement store), plus an hour or two of your time, will keep your home draft-free all winter long. Look anywhere doors and windows meet walls or each other – if you see a gap, seal it with caulk or weatherstripping.

➤ **Install sunscreens & window film**

To keep your home cooling costs down, install sunscreens or window film on west, east and south windows in your home.

MID will rebate you \$0.75 for every square foot of sunscreen or window film applied to a qualifying window. Restrictions apply, so visit www.mid.org or call 209 526-7339 for details.

➤ **Buy qualifying ENERGY STAR® appliances**

If shopping for a new appliance, buy one that has earned the ENERGY STAR label. MID offers rebates on qualifying ENERGY STAR room air conditioners, washing machines and electric water heaters.

3. Payment Plans & Assistance

➤ **MID CARES (Community Alternative Rates for Electric Service)**

Enrollment in MID CARES reduces your fixed monthly charge from \$12.50 to \$5.00, and includes a 22.6 percent discount on the remainder of your bill for a period of three years, or as long as you qualify. A qualifying CARES customer with average electric use saves over \$432 a year.

MID CARES Income Guidelines		
Persons in household	Monthly Income	Yearly Income
1	\$1,867	\$22,400
2	\$1,867	\$22,400
3	\$2,347	\$28,160
4	\$2,827	\$33,920
5	\$3,307	\$39,680
6	\$3,787	\$45,440
Each additional family member	\$480	\$5,760

➤ **Medical Life Support Rate**

If you depend on a medical life support device at home or have a medical requirement for air conditioning, you may qualify for a lower electric rate. MID offers 50 percent off the first 500 kilowatthours for qualified customers. Medical life support customers save up to \$419 a year. To apply, you must fill out an application and provide a physician's certification.

Customers who qualify for the MID CARES low-income program may be eligible to receive both discounts.

➤ **Balanced Payment Plan**

The Balanced Payment Plan (BPP) makes all your electric bills approximately the same dollar amount. BPP averages this month's bill with bills for the previous 11 months. This can help smooth out high summer bills. It's also a great plan for people on fixed incomes.

BBP is for MID customers of all income levels. To join, you must be a MID customer for 12 consecutive months and your account balance must be zero at the time you join.

Applications for MID CARES, Medical Life Support Rate and Balanced Payment Plan programs are available at the MID downtown office, 1231 11th Street, online at www.mid.org or by calling 209 526-7337.