

# News Release

## Stoughton Utilities

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### Energy Assistance Available

Stoughton, WI – More households may qualify for heating assistance this winter thanks to changes in eligibility requirements and increased funding for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). WHEAP is a federally funded heating assistance program that can ease the energy burden faced by customers with limited financial resources.

Under the new eligibility requirements, customers at or below 60 percent of the state's median income may qualify for WHEAP assistance, including:

- A single person earning up to \$24,568 per year;
- A family of four with an income of up to \$47,245.

Customers who did not previously qualify for assistance may now be eligible. To determine eligibility, applicants must provide the following to their local social services or Energy Services office:

- Proof of income for the past three months for all household members 18 years or older;
- Social Security cards for everyone in the household;
- Utility bills (heating and electric) for the past 12 months;
- If applicable, a rent certificate or landlord's statement verifying that heat is included in the rent.

WHEAP applications are being accepted through May 15, 2011; however, customers are encouraged to apply as early as possible. To begin the energy assistance application process, customers may call 866-432-8947 (toll free) or visit [www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov) for more information.

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