

HELPFUL RESOURCES

TECHNOLOGY

LIFELINE/LINK-UP

Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet. Eligible customers will get at least \$9.25 toward their bill. You can only use Lifeline for either phone or internet, but not both. The federal Lifeline and state Telephone Assistance Plan programs provide a monthly discount on your local telephone service, including one wireline or wireless phone per household. If you live on federally-recognized tribal lands, you may qualify for additional discounts.

To qualify for these programs, telephone service must be in your name and you must have income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines or participate in qualifying public programs.

LOW-COST INTERNET SERVICES

Comcast 1-855-846-8376

CenturyLink 1-866-541-3330

Comcast and CenturyLink now offer low-cost internet services plan for \$9.95 plus tax per month for low-income families.

To be eligible for Comcast's low-cost plan, you must have at least one child on the School Meal Program.

To be eligible for CenturyLink's low-cost plan, at least one household member must be on the School Meal Program or at least one of the qualifying work support programs. Other restrictions may apply.

PC'S FOR PEOPLE

<https://www.pcsforpeople.com>

651-354-2552

PCs for People is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit striving to bridge the digital divide by providing the necessary tools to put a functional computer into the hands of low-income individuals and get them online. With offices in St. Paul, Mankato, Grand Rapids and Brainerd, PCs for People is working statewide to make low cost computers, internet service, and computer repairs available to those who need them most. Call, email or visit the PCs for People website for more information.

FOR ON-CAMPUS ASSISTANCE

For assistance in connecting with the resources above or locating additional resources, contact the Community Connections Resource Center located in the Campus Center or call 763-424-0845 and ask to make an appointment.

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Community Connections Resource Center
does not assume responsibility for the quality of services provided by outside agencies or websites listed above. Inclusion on the list does not imply endorsement nor does omission indicate disapproval. This information can be made available in alternate formats by contacting the Access Services Office at 763-493-0555 or by TTY at 763-493-0558**

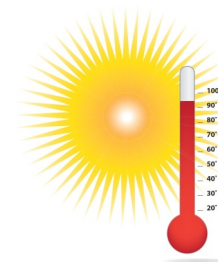


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HOUSING, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES



HELPFUL RESOURCES

HOUSING

AFFORDABLE APARTMENT SEARCH

<http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/>

Use this search tool, run by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to find affordable apartments in your area. Select MN from the pull down menu.

BRIDGING, INC

<http://www.bridging.org/> 952-888-1105

Bridging Inc. provides families with a one-time gift of quality furniture and household items. A person must be referred by a Bridging referral agency in order to be determined eligible for the furniture and household items. Go to <http://www.bridging.org/AgencyFinder.asp> to look up a Bridging referral agency near you or for more information call the number above.

COMMONBOND COMMUNITIES

www.commonbound.org 651-291-1750

Minnesota's largest nonprofit provider of affordable housing. CommonBond has more than 100 communities serving more than 9000 people who live in 5,500 apartments and townhomes. They offer family, senior and special needs housing. To find rental housing through CommonBond go to <http://properties.commonbond.org/>

EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESOURCE LIST (METRO AREA)

<http://www.pplinc.org/thehub/housing/housing-resources-from-ppl/>

This list includes contact information and qualifications for several emergency housing assistance programs in the metro area.

HOUSING LINK

<https://HousingLink.org>

A non-profit organization focused on providing information about affordable rental housing options in the Twin Cities seven-county metro area. Resources include overviews of housing programs and terminology, weekly list of vacancies, Section 8 Voucher information, directories of housing, and vacancy-locating service.

JEREMIAH PROGRAM

<http://www.JeremiahProgram.org>

The Jeremiah Program uses a proven, holistic model to help two generations climb out of poverty by supporting both the mother and children with education, a safe place to live, job skills, and more.

UTILITIES

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF HENNEPIN COUNTY—ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

caphennepin.org/eap

952-930-3541

Assists income eligible households maintain affordable, continuous and safe home energy by providing financial assistance towards energy and heating bills. To request an application, call the number above.

HEATSHARE

1-800-842-7279

<http://salvationarmynorth.org/programs-that-help/basic-needs/heatshare/>

HeatShare is a program of The Salvation Army that has been in existence since 1982. HeatShare provides energy assistance on a year-round basis. Funds are used for natural gas, fuel oil, propane, electricity, and furnace check-up and repairs.

STAY WARM MINNESOTA

The Stay Warm Minnesota campaign was launched to help every Minnesota family experience a safe and comfortable winter without having their home heating bills overtake the entire family budget. This website is full of useful information regarding energy efficiency and heating assistance programs provided by the federal and state government, private industry, non profits and our energy utilities.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

651-297-2545

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) uses energy conservation techniques to reduce the cost of home energy. Correcting health and safety hazards and potentially life-threatening conditions is the first consideration in WAP activities. Households who are at or below 50 percent of the state median income are eligible. All homeowners and renters who are income eligible for Energy Assistance are income eligible for WAP. Priority is given to households with at least one elderly or disabled member and to customers with the highest heating costs.