

Power Lines

NOVEMBER 2021

Are there any bill assistance programs available?

Do you anticipate problems making ends meet with your electric bill? Contact PRECorp to discuss options as soon as possible. Our member service representatives can offer alternatives that may alleviate stress. Call 1-800-442-3630 to start the conversation.

LIEAP/WAP

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is administered by the Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS). The purpose of the LIEAP program is to help low and fixed income families and individuals pay their heating bills during the winter months. Priority is given to households that include elderly (age 60+), disabled, and/or young children (age 6 and under).

Seasonal LIEAP benefits must be applied to a house-hold's main heat source (the fuel your heat system uses to heat the home; not the power source needed to turn on the furnace). LIEAP is federally funded through a block grant administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Anyone ap-

plying for LIEAP is also applying for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). If an applicant has received WAP assistance in a prior year, this should be noted on the application.

If an applicant needs assistance with utility deposits, propane tank sets, disconnect or shut-off notices, or are out of propane, heating oil, wood, pellets, or coal, a request for assistance can be made on the application.

Applications can be filled out anytime through March 31, 2022. To download an application or for more information go to www.lieapwyo.org, or call 1-800-246-4221.

ERAP/HAF

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) provides financial assistance to landlords or homeowners.

Renters who, because of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, are unable to pay or are behind on making

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PRECorp members have a variety of bill pay options



SmartHub app on your phone



PRECorp members have a variety of payment options shown here. PRECorp continues to accept payment via mail, walk-ins and drop boxes at local offices; and automatic payment options. Members can set up an automatic payment through Smart Hub or by calling PRECorp Member Service at 1-800-442-3630.

Mailed payments must be received in our office by the due date, or your account could be subject to late fees.



Anytime over the phone with toll-free IVR







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rental or utility payments could be eligible for ERAP.

The ERAP structure covers pastdue and ongoing bills for up to 15 months total. Funding is available through December 2021, with the ERAP able to make prospective payments covering rent or utilities up to March 2022.

ERAP is available to households who rent their home and meet specific income level requirements. Applicants must have experienced a financial loss due to COVID-19 and be at risk of losing housing or becoming homeless.

Renters must fill out the application, but landlords can assist renters with the renter's written permission.

Payments are made directly to landlords and utility providers on behalf of the tenant. Payments can also cover applicable late fees.

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Applications are available through the Department of Family Services online at: https://dfs.wyo.gov/assistance-programs/home-utilities-energy-assistance/ The site has information for applicants and frequently asked questions.

The HAF program will be available for Wyoming homeowners who are struggling to pay mortgages and utility payments because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligibility guidelines and program details are not yet finalized, so keep checking the Wyoming Department of Family Services website for updates.

Application forms, informational brochures, and a listing of assistance agencies are available at PRECorp offices in Gillette and Sundance.

Please note, applications cannot be turned in at PRECorp offices.

Events Calendar

The list of 2021 PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, and telephone town hall meetings with CEO Mike Easley. Board meetings rotate between Sundance, Gillette, and Sheridan.

- Thursday, November 11
 Veterans Day Holiday,
 PRECorp offices closed. Call
 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- Tuesday, November 16 -PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- Monday, November 22 -PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, Gillette.
- Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, Thanksgiving Holiday, PRECorp offices closed. Call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- Wednesday, December 1 -PRECorp CEO Mike Easley telephone town hall meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 21 -PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan
- Thursday and Friday, December 23-24 - Christmas Holiday, PRECorp offices closed. Call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- Friday, December 31 New Year's Holiday, PRECorp offices closed. Call 1-888-391-6220.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet—even when they're not in use.