

## Good Neighbor Energy Fund

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### What is the Good Neighbor Energy Fund?

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund helps Massachusetts residents pay for winter heating fuel and other energy bills. The Fund is for people who are facing a short-term financial crisis and do not qualify for other fuel assistance programs. It is a joint effort between the gas and electric utility companies and The Salvation Army.

Money for the fund comes from the utility companies, donations from utility customers and businesses, and other charitable donors.

### Am I eligible?

You can get help from the Good Neighbor Energy Fund if you are in financial need and do not qualify for government energy assistance programs. The Fund most often helps people who have an unexpected short-term financial crisis. Your immigration status does not matter for this program.

You must meet these requirements to be eligible:

- You are facing a temporary financial crisis that makes you unable to pay your energy bills.
- You are not eligible for government energy assistance programs.
- You are a resident of Massachusetts.
- Your household's gross income is between 200% and 275% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).

Note: To figure your annual income, you can count your income from the previous 12 months; or you

can count your income from the most recent month times 12.

**Good Neighbor Energy Fund  
Winter 2007-2008 Income Limits**

Household size	200% FPG	275% FPG
1	\$20,420	\$28,078
2	\$27,380	\$37,748
3	\$34,340	\$47,218
4	\$41,300	\$56,788
5	\$48,260	\$66,358
6	\$55,200	\$75,928
7	\$62,180	\$85,498
8	\$69,140	\$95,068
over 8	call the Salvation Army for income limits	

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### What benefits will I get?

The maximum amount you can get from the Fund is \$275 per household per heating season.

You can get emergency heating assistance starting December 1, and non-emergency heating assistance starting January 1. Help is given year-round, until funds run out.

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### How do I apply?

To apply, call the Salvation Army closest to you. For a list of locations, see the Salvation Army's directory of Massachusetts Service Centers.

You may also call the Salvation Army toll-free at 1-800-334-3047 (in area codes 617,508,781,978) or 1-800-262-1320 (in area code 413) for more information.

The Salvation Army starts taking applications for emergency heating assistance on December 1. They accept non-emergency applications starting January 1.

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### Useful links

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1. **Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund**  
Official information about the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, including how to donate, how to apply for help, and questions and answers.

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