

Maryland Energy Assistance Program

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) provides income-eligible customers financial assistance in paying heating bills, preventing shut-off and restoring gas service.

Utility Service Protection Plan

All residential customers eligible for energy assistance are eligible for participation in the **Utility Service Protection Program (USPP)**. In order to participate, ask for USPP when you apply for a MEAP grant.

As a USPP participant, the cost of your annual usage, less your MEAP benefit, will be spread over 12 months. In addition, arrangements will be made to pay in installments any arrearages you owe at the time you join USPP. The payment plan for arrearages will be based on your income level and financial conditions.

Customers complying with the terms of their USPP payment agreement will not have their service terminated. However, if the payment terms are not met, gas service may be shut off.

Guidelines

Below is a listing of 2025-2026 MEAP guidelines. Households whose total gross income is equal to or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

MEAP/GARA	
Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$2,608.00
2	\$3,525.00
3	\$4,441.00
4	\$5,358.00
5	\$6,275.00
6	\$7,191.00
7	\$8,108.00
8	\$9,025.00
For family size of more than (8), add \$916.00 per month.	

Contacts

To see if you qualify for a MEAP grant contact your local administering agency listed below:

Garrett County Residents

Community Action Council
104 E. Center St. Oakland, MD 21550
(301) 334-9431

Allegany County Residents

Department of Social Services
1 Frederick St. Cumberland MD 21502
(301) 784-7000

Washington County Residents

Community Action Council
117 Summit Ave. Hagerstown, MD 21740
(301) 797-4161

MD10252

Questions? Please contact our
Energy Assistance Hotline at **1-800-272-2714**.