

emPower

a truenorth community service

What is emPower?

emPower is a TrueNorth Community Services program which provides assistance to qualified families throughout 64 counties in Michigan with heat/utility bills, energy conservation education, and self-sufficiency initiatives.

emPower can only provide financial assistance if the total income of everyone living in your home is at or less than the amount listed in chart to the left for your family size.

Heat & Energy Assistance

To qualify, your total household before-tax (gross) income must be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty rate.

Federal Poverty Guidelines (150%)

Family Size	Gross Yearly Income	Gross Monthly Income	Approx. Hourly Income
1	\$17,655.00	\$1,471.25	\$ 8.49
2	\$23,895.00	\$1,991.25	\$11.49
3	\$30,135.00	\$2,511.25	\$14.49
4	\$36,375.00	\$3,031.25	\$17.50
5	\$42,615.00	\$3,551.25	\$20.50
6	\$48,855.00	\$4,071.25	\$23.50
7	\$55,095.00	\$4,591.25	\$26.50
8	\$61,335.00	\$5,111.25	\$29.50
Add for Each Additional Member			
Over 8, add per child	\$6,240	\$520	\$3

Type of Assistance

emPower focuses on the heat and energy needs of those living in rural Michigan. We can help with:

- Electric ❖ Natural Gas ❖ Propane
- Wood ❖ Pellets ❖ Coal ❖ Fuel Oil
- Other Deliverable Fuels ❖ Existing Balances

Requirements Checklist

- **Must be 18 years or older to apply**
- **Completed, Signed and Dated emPower Application**
- **Readable Copy of Applicant's Identification** (i.e. driver's license, passport, school ID, government issued picture ID)
- **Proof of All Household Income** (i.e. pay stubs must be four current weeks in a row within the past 30 days, employer print off, current unemployment, retirement, Veterans Affairs benefits, current-year's Social Security award letter, self employment profit/loss statement or prior year tax return)
- **Readable Copy of Applicant's Social Security Card** (Must have Social Security numbers for all remaining members of the household)
- **Copy of Utility Bill(s)** (No bill required for propane, fuel oil, firewood, wood pellets, or coal unless you have a past due or back balance on your account)

Important Requirements

The following are important requirements for applying for assistance:

- Households may only receive assistance from one helping agency, such as; TrueNorth. This means that your household may not have as much money available based on where you apply for help.
- Households will be able to apply for help with heat and/or energy payment(s) if they:

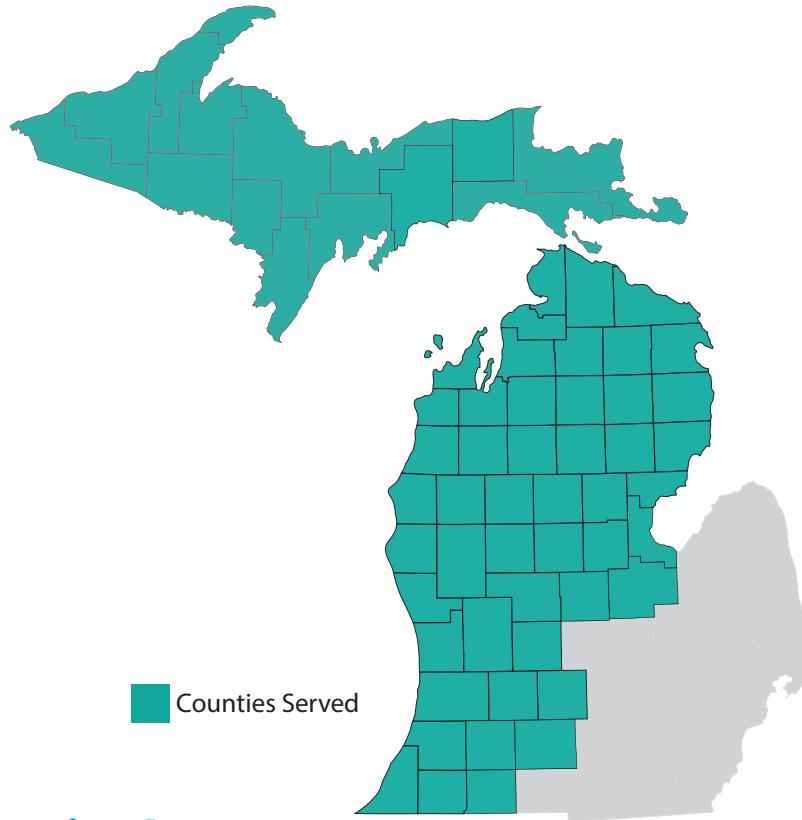
Have a **past due notice** on an energy bill. A shut-off notice or disconnect notice is not required

Have a fuel tank containing no more than 25% of fuel at time of delivery

Are within the income guidelines noted to the left

Supply a copy of applicant's Social Security card and picture ID

List all nine digits of Social Security numbers and birth date for each member of the household on the application



Our Service Area

If you are struggling with your heat and energy bill, fall within the program guidelines, and live within one of the 64 rural Michigan counties marked on the map above, you are encouraged to apply for **emPower** assistance today.

How to Apply

- Download/print application online at www.truenorthservices.org.
- No internet access? Contact TrueNorth for an application at 231-355-5880 or 1-855-300-8013.
- Submit **emPower** application and required documentation using one of the following:

Email: applications@tnempower.org

Fax: 231-924-3667

Mail: TrueNorth-emPower Program
PO Box 149, Fremont, MI 49412

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