

# Warming Shelters

As winter weather conditions worsen please check the following websites for warming shelter locations:

## Columbia County Health and Human Services

<http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/hhs/HealthHumanServiceHomePage/tabid/299/Default.aspx>

## Warming shelter by county

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/climate/weather/warmingsites.pdf>

## Additional Help...

When leaving one's home unoccupied and unheated, for an extended period of time in cold weather, an antifreeze solution is often added to any water remaining in the toilet bowl (not tank) to keep the toilet traps from bursting. Most solutions contain either:

- ◆ Ethylene Glycol OR
- ◆ Propylene Glycol

For more information about these solutions visit:

### Ethylene:

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tfacts96.pdf>

### Propylene:

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tfacts189.pdf>

# ENERGY ASSISTANCE HELP

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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As of September 2017

Financial help for heating assistance:

- ◆ Propane
- ◆ Natural Gas
- ◆ Oil

## Assistance with Heating your Home

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### Energy Services of Wisconsin

242 W. Cook Street  
Portage, WI 53901

To schedule an appointment:  
1-800-506-5596

For Information: (608) 742-4088

Provides financial assistance for paying fuel or electric costs, and emergency furnace repair or replacement once per year per family. Specific income guidelines apply, but you can be any age, with or without children, and own or rent your home. Crisis benefits can be applied toward:

- ◆ Temporary housing
- ◆ Heating units, such as space heaters
- ◆ For propane customers to purchase wood or pellets in the event they cannot receive propane in a safe and timely manner.

NEW 2017-2018 ENERGY ASSISTANCE GROSS INCOME GUIDELINES	
NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD	GROSS INCOME LIMIT (3 MONTHS)
1	\$6,650
2	\$8,696
3	\$10,743
4	\$12,789
5	\$14,835
6	\$16,881
7	\$17,265
8	\$17,649

## Heat for Heroes

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(800) 891-9276 for questions or to find an application site nearest you. An Energy Service, Inc./Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund initiative that helps Veterans who are facing an energy-related emergency.

## Wisconsin Gas Company

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Customer Service: 1-800-242-9137

## Rio Emergency Fuel Fund

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Contact Rose at (608) 617-3261. Help for Columbia County residents, not just the RIO area.

## Heat Wisconsin

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1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947) for information about where you can purchase propane in your area, or to apply for assistance towards your propane heating bill.

Also visit:

[www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov)

for locations of where to apply for heating assistance.

### Info also available at:

Columbia County  
Health & Human Services  
2652 Murphy Rd.  
PO Box 136  
Portage, WI 53901  
Phone (608) 742-9227  
Email address:  
DHHS@co.columbia.wi.us