



Energy Assistance & Efficiency Resources in Dearborn

I need paying my energy bills:

- [State Emergency Relief](#) (SER) provides assistance to low-income individuals and families when heating or electric service has been or will be cut off
 - Eligibility is based on household size, monthly income, and assets. [See here for more information.](#)
 - Residents can apply through [MIBridges](#) ([Arabic link](#))
 - [Community partners](#) ([Arabic link](#)) can provide computer or internet access and help clients find and apply for benefits
- [Michigan Energy Assistance Program](#) ([Arabic link](#)) is a preventive program designed to provide energy assistance to low-income households so that they can reach energy self-sufficiency.
 - Requires SER eligibility
- Other resources can be found on DTE Energy's website [here](#)
- [Weatherization Assistance Program](#) reduces costs by increasing energy efficiency
 - Program cannot support structural, plumbing, or electrical repairs
 - Eligibility is based on **household size and monthly income**. [See here for more information.](#)
 - Residents on enrolled in Supplemental Security Income, State Disability Assistance, or Family Independence Program are automatically eligible

Homeowner resources:

Rewiring America offers resources to help homeowners put together a [home electrification plan](#) and [estimate energy efficiency incentives](#).

Energy Efficiency (appliances, insulation, etc)

- [Energy audits](#) determine how and where your home uses (and wastes energy), providing a roadmap for targeted investments that maximize the energy and costs that you save
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- [DTE Energy](#) offers rebates for energy efficient appliances like washers and dryers, windows, insulations, air conditioners, and thermostats
- [Federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credit](#) provides up to \$3,200 annually to lower the cost of energy efficient home upgrades by up to 30%
 - Includes heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, insulation, doors and windows, electrical panel upgrades, home energy audits, and more

Solar Panels

- [Federal Solar Energy Tax Credit](#) provides a 30% tax credit on home solar panels installed between 2022 and 2032
 - [State law](#) excludes residential solar panels from property value assessments until the property is sold
 - More information about home solar panel installations in Dearborn

Clean (Electric or Fuel Cell) Vehicles

- [Federal tax credits](#) exist for [new](#) and [used](#) clean vehicles
 - Tax credits only apply to qualifying vehicles (see eligibility for [new](#) and [used](#) vehicles)
- [DTE Energy](#) offers rebates for home electric vehicle chargers

Financing

- [Michigan Saves](#) connects homeowners to financing and contractors for energy efficiency, electrification, lead abatement, and septic replacement upgrades

Renter or tenant resources:

Rewiring America offers resources to help renters [work with landlords](#) on electrification projects and [estimate energy efficiency incentives](#).

Business or property owner resources:

Energy Efficiency (appliances, processes, insulation, etc)

- [Energy audits](#) determine how and where your business uses (and wastes energy), providing a roadmap for targeted investments that maximize energy and cost savings



- [DTE Energy](#) offers free energy consultations to businesses using less than 500,000 kWh of energy per year
- [The RESTART program](#) offers free energy waste reduction and sustainability services for Michigan manufacturing and commercial sectors under 500 FTEs
- [Energy benchmarking](#) measures and compares your building's energy to similar buildings, past consumption, or a reference performance level to inform future investments
- [Federal Commercial Buildings Program](#) offers a tax deduction to building owners who make significant energy efficiency investments that exceed minimum standards
- [DTE Energy](#) offers two rebate programs to incentivize energy efficiency
 - [Rebates](#) for LEED design or certification
 - [Rebates](#) for targeted investments to specific systems (lighting, HVAC, etc)

Solar Panels

- [Federal tax credits](#) exist for businesses investing in solar installations
 - The Investment Tax Credit reduces the federal income tax liability for a percentage of the solar system's cost
 - The Production Tax Credit is a per kilowatt-hour tax credit for electricity generated by solar and other qualifying technologies for the first 10 years of a system's operation.
 - Both tax credits cannot be claimed on the same installation

Clean (Electric or Fuel Cell) Vehicles

- [Federal Clean Vehicle Credit](#) exists for new clean vehicles (see [qualifying vehicles](#))
- [Federal Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit](#) exists for new clean vehicles (see [qualifying manufacturers](#); other restrictions apply)
 - Businesses cannot claim both the Clean Vehicle Credit and Commercial Vehicle Credit

Financing

- [Property Assessed Clean Energy \(PACE\)](#) provides 100% financing for energy efficiency and environmental remediation projects and is structured to eliminate upfront costs and ensure savings immediately outweigh expenses, ensuring positive cashflow
 - [Michigan Saves](#) connects businesses to financing and contractors for energy efficiency, electrification, and more
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Tax-exempt organization (school, non-profit, house of worship, etc) resources:

- [Direct/elective pay](#) allows tax-exempt entities to qualify for a payment equal to the full value of tax credits for [qualifying clean energy projects](#)
 - [Eligible entities](#) include charities, foundations, hospitals, schools, places of worship, and more
 - [Qualifying clean energy projects](#) include renewable energy installations, energy storage, clean vehicles, and more
- [Michigan Interfaith Power and Light](#) and [Solar Faithful](#) provide assistance to houses of worship (regardless of faith and denomination) interested in pursuing energy efficiency
- [Energy efficiency pass through credits](#)