

How Warm is Your Living Space?

Protections to keep your heat on during the Cold Weather Period (October 1st - April 30th)



Minnesota has a statewide minimum heat requirement for rental properties. Landlords are required to “supply or furnish heat at a **minimum temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit from October 1 through April 30**, unless a utility company requires and instructs the heat to be reduced.”

If you are a renter without control of your heat and your apartment is below 68 degrees, you can send a 14-day repair letter to your landlord using HOME Line’s form on their website.

To learn more about your rights and get connected with your neighbors, reach out to your local neighborhood organization at housing@phillipswest.org.

How to Track Your Apartment’s Heat

- **Use a digital, analog, or meat thermometer to measure the ambient temperature (wall-attached & body thermometers won’t work!).**
- **Record the temperature at least 3 feet away from all walls, going from room to room.**
- **Keep track of the date, time, and what room it was recorded in. You can also log the outside temperature for comparison.**



For more information, see HOME Line’s webinar on heating rental properties in Minnesota.

Scan the QR Code or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/wf7arymj>

Behind on your heating bill and facing a shutoff?

If you have received a shutoff notice from your utility company, **your heat cannot be turned off** as long as you make and keep a fair payment plan.

During the cold weather period, you don’t have to pay more than 10% of your income for utilities if:

- you make payments to a publicly regulated company (Xcel or CenterPoint)
- you make under 50% of the state’s median income

If you are a homeowner or renter and you need assistance with heating costs, call United Way at 211 or chat online at www.211unitedway.org to find locally available resources.