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Additional households qualify for energy assistance

We know that COVID-19 has created additional financial hardships, placing an even larger burden on families already struggling to pay their bills or bring their accounts current. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your electric bill, the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified homeowners and renters.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has expanded EAP by raising income eligibility and extending the deadline to apply to Sept. 1, 2021. Households with incomes at or below 60% of the state's median income may be eligible, which is about \$65,000 in annual income for a household of four.



Avoid utility disconnect – apply NOW for Energy Assistance

HIGHER income eligibility for 2021

Search online for **Minnesota Department of Commerce energy assistance**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME LIMIT
1 person	\$33,918
2 persons	\$44,355
3 persons	\$54,791
4 persons	\$65,228
5 persons	\$75,664
6 persons	\$86,101

To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>, for more details and to access the application portal.

Contact United Community Action for additional information and assistance.

Redwood Electric Cooperative exists because of you, and we are dedicated to the people and communities we serve. If you are having difficulty paying your electric bill and do not qualify for either of these programs, please contact Sarah to for more information, to get contact information for United Community Action or to set up a payment arrangement.

WALKING TACOS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 packet taco seasoning

OPTIONAL ADD-INS (PER BAG)

- 1 cherry tomato diced
- 2 tablespoons mexican cheese
- 1 tablespoon sour cream
- 1 tablespoon salsa
- 1/4 cup shredded lettuce
- 1/8 avocado or 1 tablespoon guacamole

DIRECTIONS

1. Brown ground beef in a skillet until no longer pink, about 5-6 minutes. Add taco seasoning and water and cook until thickened, about 2 to 4 minutes.
2. While keeping doritos inside the bag, gently crush until chips are slightly broken.
3. Add a heaping 1/4 cup of taco meat to each bag.
4. Layer your desired toppings directly into the bag of chips and toss with a fork before enjoying.



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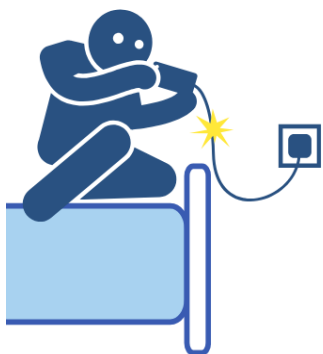




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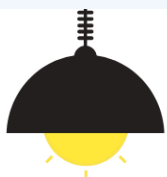
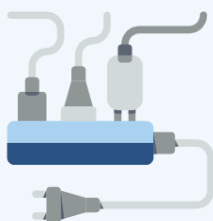


Cell phones don't belong in bed

Do not sleep or lounge with a charging cell phone or other device. You could burn your skin or it set bedding on fire.

Don't overload outlets

It's tempting to plug several cords on one circuit, but drawing too much power can damage your electronics or your home's wiring and may start a fire.



Pay attention to flickering lights



Do not ignore odd electrical symptoms in your home. Flickering lights, warm or discolored outlets, frequently tripped circuits or fuses, or smoky odors may mean you have a problem. Consult a qualified electrician.

Office Hours & Contact Information

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