

ENERGYWISE OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please complete all steps. All information must be filled out to the best of your ability to ensure processing.

This form is valid from January 1 – December 31, 2026.



**EnergyWise
Older Adults**

Helping homeowners age 60+ save energy.



If you have received State Weatherization Services in the last 15 years, you do not qualify for this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Must be at least 60 years in age.**
- Must be the owner of a single-family home, townhome, or townhome and do not plan to move within the next six months or have your name on a housing waiting list. Renters are not eligible for this program. If you are a renter, we encourage you to apply for the 4U2 Program.
- Must have an active Minnesota Energy Resources and Rochester Public Utilities account in your name that includes natural gas (primary heat source) and electric service within the city of Rochester. If your primary heat source is electric, please call RPU at 507-280-1537.
- Must be responsible for the direct payment of your natural gas and electric bills.
- Manufactured or mobile homes will be referred to the State Weatherization Program.
- For those older adults who are just above income qualifications, eligibility will be reviewed and possibly considered.

1. This program offers home energy improvements based on income-eligible criteria. Emergency replacement of HVAC equipment may also be available.
2. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - Applicant must provide verification of income eligibility.
 - Customers cannot participate in both Weatherization Assistance and the EnergyWise Older Adults Program.
4. You have an obligation to inform Franklin Energy, the program administrator, 30 days prior to a pending move. Once contractors are assigned to your project, scheduling of your work is between you and the contractor. If you are not available for your appointment and do not provide 24 hour notice to your contractor, you may be held responsible for the cost of the no-show visit. The EnergyWise Senior Program will not pay for no-show charges.
5. If the cost of upgrades required for natural gas health and safety reasons (such as dryer vent, bathroom vent, or air duct repair) exceed \$500, you will have a \$150 charge applied to your Minnesota Energy Resources natural gas bill.
6. A typical project timeline is 4-6 months except in the case of emergency replacement of HVAC equipment. The duration of your project may be affected by regional availability of contractors and suppliers.
7. Participants understand they are not eligible to receive a rebate for the same improvement under a different Minnesota Energy Resources or Rochester Public Utilities program.
8. This program is subject to regulatory rules and orders.
9. Minnesota Energy Resources and Rochester Public Utilities reserve the right to inspect or verify any work completed under this program and to change or discontinue this program without notice.
10. Tax information: Minnesota Energy Resources and Rochester Public Utilities are not responsible for any tax consequences of the EnergyWise Older Adults Program.

NEED HELP?

Rochester Public Utilities

Call: 507-280-1537

Email: rpuprograms@rpu.org



Minnesota Energy Resources

Call: 800-872-0052, option 1

Online: cashrebatesnow.com



CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION:

- ☐ **Read** Eligibility Requirements and Terms and Conditions (Page 1) and Customer Authorization release (Step 4).
- ☐ **Verify** your eligibility.
- ☐ **Provide** necessary documentation to verify income to determine eligibility. (Note: please refer to Step 3 for additional details.)
- ☐ **Complete** Steps 1-4 of the application.
- ☐ **Print, sign, and date** the customer authorization.
- ☐ **Mail or email** your completed application and documentation to the program administrator: Franklin Energy
EnergyWise Older Adults Program
755 Prior Ave N, Suite 102B
St. Paul, MN 55104
4U2@franklinenergy.com
- ☐ **Keep** a copy for your records.

STEP 1: CUSTOMER INFORMATION (please print)

Minnesota Energy Resources Account Number	Customer Name (as it appears on your bill)				
Rochester Public Utilities Account Number	Customer Name (as it appears on your bill)				
Service Address	City		State		Zip Code
	☐ Home	☐ Cell	☐ Other:		
Contact Phone Number (with area code)					
Email Address (If you do not have an email address, please write "None".)					

If you would like to designate a secondary contact to assist you through this process, please complete the following information:

Secondary Contact Name	Relationship to Applicant				
Address	City		State		Zip Code
	☐ Home	☐ Cell	☐ Other:		
Contact Phone Number (with area code)					
Email Address (If you do not have an email address, please write "None".)					

STEP 2: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION (please print)

Housing Type (required): *Manufactured or mobile homes will be referred to the State Weatherization Program.*

☐ Single-family dwelling ☐ Townhome ☐ Twinhome

Year home was built (if known):

Square footage (if known):

How did you hear about this program? (check all that apply):

☐ Minnesota Aging Pathways (formerly Senior Linkage Line) ☐ Olmsted County ☐ Elder Network
☐ Family Service Rochester ☐ In-Home or Online Audit ☐ Social Media ☐ Radio
☐ Minnesota Energy Resources Website ☐ RPU Website ☐ Bill Insert ☐ Email
☐ Another Customer ☐ Contractor/Retailer ☐ Other:

Do you have an HVAC service contract (such as ComfortPlus or other)?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

STEP 3: INCOME VERIFICATION (please print)

Check the box that corresponds with your household size and identify your income qualification level. If your income does not qualify for the Primary Qualifier 80% Area Median Income (AMI), utilize the Secondary Qualifier 50% State Median Income (SMI), Energy Assistance Program (EAP), or Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

Enclose one of the following with your application for each household member with income:

- Copy of last year's tax return (preferred). First two pages required.
- Previous three months of pay stubs. For bi-weekly pay periods, please provide seven pay-stubs.
- Unemployment statement and verification of unemployment statement.
- Proof of Energy Assistance Program (EAP) payments, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) acceptance notification.
- Social Security Administration Benefit Award or Verification Letter.

2026 Income Qualification Levels for Olmsted County

	Family Size	Primary Qualifier 80% AMI	Secondary Qualifier 50% SMI, EAP, or WAP
☐	1	up to \$74,800	\$47,550
☐	2	up to \$85,450	\$54,350
☐	3	up to \$96,150	\$61,150
☐	4	up to \$106,800	\$67,900
☐	5	up to \$115,350	\$73,350
☐	6	up to \$123,900	\$78,800

Household Information

Household Member	Relationship (self, spouse, dependent, etc.)	Age	Contributes to household income?
1			☐ Yes ☐ No
2			☐ Yes ☐ No
3			☐ Yes ☐ No
4			☐ Yes ☐ No
5			☐ Yes ☐ No
6			☐ Yes ☐ No

STEP 4: CUSTOMER AUTHORIZATION

By signing this application, I agree to the Terms and Conditions set forth on this application. I acknowledge that I am an authorized representative for this account and hereby grant my utility companies, Minnesota Energy Resources and Rochester Public Utilities, approval for the release of up to 24 months of usage and billing information that may include personally identifiable information, to a third-party auditor that will perform a comprehensive EnergyWise Older Adults Program audit. I also agree to the release by Minnesota Energy Resources and Rochester Public Utilities of any of its customer data, including personally identifiable information, to any contractor or other vendor providing services or support under the program. I am willing to provide documentation to verify my income. **By completing this form, I understand and agree that if the cost of upgrades required for natural gas health and safety reasons (such as dryer vent, bathroom vent, or air duct repair) exceed \$500, I will have a \$150 charge applied to my Minnesota Energy Resources natural gas bill after the project is complete.** I also understand that I may be responsible for the correction of any extraordinary issues/measures that arise should the funding for such corrections be exceeded. I understand that all work is subject to inspection by Minnesota Energy Resources and Rochester Public Utilities and agree to allow access for these inspections to occur. **I have an obligation to inform Franklin Energy 30 days prior to a pending move. I understand that once contractors are assigned to my project, scheduling of improvements is between myself and the contractor. I understand if I am unable to keep my appointment and do not provide 24 hour notice to the contractor, I am responsible for the cost of a no-show charge.** Further, I understand that the coordination of contractors can cause delays in the completion of the project. As the property owner/occupant, I will prioritize accessibility to expedite the completion of project. It is also my responsibility to promptly inform Franklin Energy if I no longer wish to participate in the program. I understand that I am not eligible to receive a rebate from another Minnesota Energy Resources or Rochester Public Utilities program for improvements completed through the EnergyWise Older Adults Program, as only one rebate per piece of equipment or improvement is permitted. **I, the Customer, will hold harmless Minnesota Energy Resources, Rochester Public Utilities, and their officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees and representatives from all claims, liabilities, fines, interest, cost, expenses, and damages incurred by me that arise out of my relationship with any contractor.**

Customer Signature (type first and last name)

Date

For office use only. Not used for any other purposes.

Customer income verification:

- ☐ Copy of last year's tax return.
- ☐ Pay stubs from previous three months.
- ☐ Unemployment statement and verification of unemployment statement.
- ☐ Proof of Energy Assistance Payments.
- ☐ Other:

Date Verified

Verified By