

## Utility and Rent Assistance- Franklin County, Gasconade County, and Washington County

(community resources for low income and uninsured)

Agency/ Site Name	Assistance Provided				Address/Telephone	Funding Eligible for Residents of:
	Utility	Rent	Mortgage	Weather- ization		
Holy Family Catholic Church*	X	X	X		124 Holy Family Church New Haven, MO 63068 <b>573-459-6441</b>	Port Hudson and St. Gerald
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*	X	X	X		100 N. Washington Ave. Union, MO 63084 <b>636-583-5144</b>	Union County
Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation	X			X	1020 St. Clair Plaza Ct S, St. Clair, MO 63077 <b>636-789-2686</b>	Franklin and Jefferson Counties
Loving Hearts Outreach	X				1902 W Main Washington, MO 63090 <b>636-390-8300</b>	Franklin County
MO Department of Social Services: Franklin County Family Support Division	X				1 Liberty Plaza Union, MO 63084 <b>636-583-9619</b>	Franklin County
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*	X	X	X		1014 Madison Ave. Washington, MO 63090 <b>636-239-3520</b>	Washington, MO
St. Bridget of Kildare Catholic Church*	X	X	X		111 W. Union Pacific, MO 63069 <b>636-271-3993</b>	Pacific
St. Clair Catholic Services	X				165 E. Springfield St. Clair, MO 63077 <b>636-629-0315</b>	St. Clair
St. Gertrude Catholic Church*	X	X	X		6535 Hwy YY Washington, MO 63090 <b>636-239-4216</b>	Krakow
St. James Catholic Church*	X	X	X		1107 Summit Drive Catawissa, MO 63015 <b>636-451-4685</b>	Catawissa
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*	X	X	X		5567 Gildehaus Rd. Villa Ridge, MO 63089 <b>636-583-2488</b>	Villa Ridge
St. Mary - Moselle Catholic Church*	X	X	X		1587 Highway AM Villa Ridge, MO 63089 <b>636-451-4685</b>	Villa Ridge
Zion United Church of Christ	X	X			115 S Washington Ave Union, MO 63084 <b>636-583-2814</b>	Union School District

\* indicates Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish; to find nearest location visit <http://svdpstlouis.org> or call 211.

**DO NOT LET UNPAID BILLS ACCUMULATE. SEEK HELP EARLY!**

- Call a social service agency in your area to see if they have an assistance program, such as your church, the Catholic Church, Salvation Army or United Way. Call them weekly or as suggested.
- Understand how and why you were short this month.
- See if you qualify for additional services, such as area Food Pantries. This may free up money for rent and utilities.

When you require assistance, most agencies will need:

- Proof of income and monthly expenses
- Proof of address, such as Photo ID and copy of current bill.

### **TIPS:**

- **PLAN AHEAD.** Consider budget billing and ask utility companies if you qualify for any low-income or special programs.
- Pay your bills on time to avoid late fees.
- In the summer, set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be. Try setting it at 78°.
- Using fans can help create an air flow that will make your home more comfortable. If you use an air conditioner, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4° with no reduction in your comfort.
- If your air conditioner is old, consider purchasing a new, energy-efficient model. You could save up to 50% on your utility bill for cooling. Look for the ENERGY STAR® and Energy Guide labels.
- Limit the use of your oven in the summer months. Use lids when cooking.
- Don't place lamps or TV sets near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- While running the air conditioner, keep the window coverings closed during the day to keep out direct sunlight.
- In the winter, keep the draperies and shades on your south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- In the winter, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable when home. By resetting your programmable thermostat from 72 degrees to 65 degrees for eight hours a day (for instance, while no one is home or while everyone is tucked in bed) you can cut your heating bill by up to 10 percent.
- Weatherize your home — caulk and weather-strip any doors and windows that leak air. In the winter, use heavy plastic on windows to keep out drafts.
- Replace furnace filters regularly. Keep equipment clean.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Consider air-drying clothes on clothes lines or drying racks.
- Lower your water heater's thermostat to WARM/LOW or set at 120°. Your water heater accounts for 14% of your utility bill.
- Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load. Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked.
- Consider a simple budget for your household. Evaluate expenses and set priorities. (Examples: Free TV vs. Cable or Satellite; one telephone line vs. land-line AND cell phone)

**United Way Information & Referral:** Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211helps.org](http://www.211helps.org) to quickly and easily find non-emergency services in your area, including basic needs, physical and mental health resources, job programs, support for seniors and more. Now accessible via phone, online chat, self-service web directly, and mobile app.