

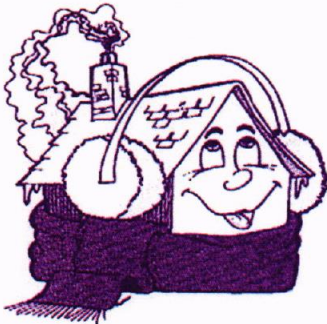


Plan Ahead Now to Keep Warm This Winter!

How are you going to pay for your winter heating bills?

Did you receive Heating Assistance this past winter? If the answer is yes, you need to plan ahead now for how you are going to pay for your heat this coming winter.

If your income is less than 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines, you may receive a benefit. If your income is above 150% poverty, you will not qualify for assistance.



FY 2019 Poverty Guidelines

# of People in Household	Gross Monthly Income Less Than 150% of Poverty
1	\$ 1,897
2	\$ 2,572
3	\$ 3,247
4	\$ 3,922
5	\$ 4,597
6	\$ 5,272



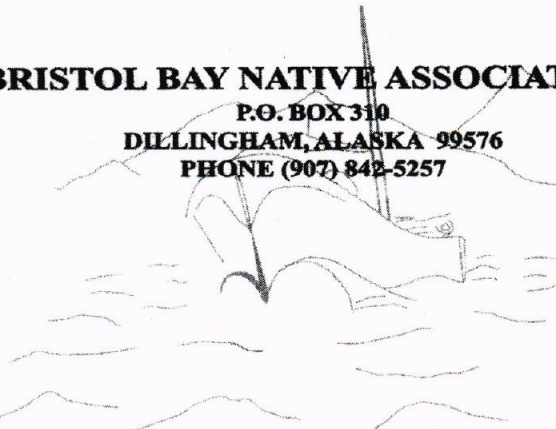
What Can You Do To Prepare?

- **Contact your vendor and get on a budget plan:** These plans take into consideration your annual usage and then set you up for a set, budget, amount each month. This spreads out the cost of heating and makes the payments more manageable and easier to budget for.
- **Create your own "energy fund":** Start to put a little money aside each week/month to cover your heating bills when winter comes.
- **Sign up for weatherization or seal up drafts in your home yourself:** Anywhere you can feel cold air coming in, the heat can also escape. For more information on free and low-cost weatherization go to <https://www.ahfc.us/efficiency/energy-programs/weatherization/> or call Alaska Housing Finance Corporation at 1-800-478-2432.
- **Look for other resources:** Call 211, the statewide agency hotline, to see if there are other programs in your community that can help you.

If you have questions, please call BBNA Heating Assistance Program at 1-888-285-2262

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REMINDER

PFD'S ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Important budget items to take into consideration:

1. **Avoid being disconnected**: Make payments on outstanding bills i.e. rent, store charge accounts, electricity, oil, water/sewer, phone, and garbage.
2. **Be prepared for the cold winter months**: Make extra payments on your accounts i.e. store, electricity, oil, water/sewer, phone, garbage and rent.
Avoid being disconnected
3. **Replace and/or repair old appliances**: Make sure your hot water heaters, furnaces, stoves, refrigerators, washers/dryers are in good working order. Invest in new energy efficient items i.e. windows and/or purchase a woodstove. ***Vehicle repairs/tires are also important***

Benefits: deposit, pick up or mail out?

Please remember that if you want to change how your benefits are distributed, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR REQUEST A WEEK IN ADVANCE. Your options are: direct deposit, pick up, or mail out. Please, do not call if you did not make arrangements; one week in advance as there will be no exceptions.

“Being prepared is half the victory.”

Our goal is to help you become more self-sufficient. You can help to prevent hardship by being prepared. PFD's can affect your benefits. Please contact your caseworker if you would like assistance with your family's budget plans.

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