

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Throughout the year, your monthly energy bill fluctuates. Seasons change, heating and cooling costs rise and fall, and energy use varies. This can make it difficult to anticipate your utility bill. That's why MidAmerican Energy offers budget billing.

Our Budget Billing Plan is a free program designed to ease the fluctuation of your monthly bills. Instead of paying your actual energy costs each month, you pay an averaged amount.

While the Budget Billing Plan is not a discount program and offers no savings or lower rates, you do get the convenience of a more predictable bill.

3 WAYS TO ENROLL

- 1 Call our customer service line, 888-427-5632.
- 2 Go to our website, **MidAmericanEnergy.com** and log in to your *My Account* or set one up as a new user.
- 3 Visit a customer office.

MAKE BUDGET BILLING WORK FOR YOU

- > If you recently moved or your usage patterns have changed, be sure to discuss the budget amount with one of our representatives to ensure it reflects your average energy usage.
- > You will find your budget balance on your bills. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.
- > Read your budget billing messages every month so you know if a change is coming.

KEEP YOUR ENERGY COSTS DOWN

Weather, price and usage impact your energy costs and therefore, your budget bill amount. MidAmerican Energy is dedicated to helping you reduce your usage, while keeping your costs as low as possible.

Visit **MidAmericanEnergy.com/ee** for no- and low-cost energy saving ideas.

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BUDGET BILLING PLAN



PERIODIC REVIEW

Periodic reviews of your Budget Billing Plan help to ensure your payments are on track with your actual usage.

You can choose to have your budget bill amount reviewed every three months or every six months. Eligible residential customers also can choose an annual review. That means the amount you pay each month may change as many as four times a year or as little as once a year.

During the review process, we will recalculate your average monthly cost, take projected energy costs into consideration, and factor in your budget balance – the difference between the amount you’ve been billed and the cost of the energy you’ve used.

If you prefer to have your budget balance added or subtracted from your current amount due – instead of rolling it into the budget calculation – please call 888-427-5632.

ENDING BUDGET BILLING

When you cancel your Budget Billing Plan the difference between the amount you were billed and your actual usage is applied to your bill in one of two ways:

- > If you were billed more than you used, the difference is applied to your bill and will reduce the amount due. The balance will be applied to future bills, or you may request a check.
- > If you were billed less than you used, the full amount becomes due with the next bill.

Call 888-427-5632 to find out what your balance is and how it will impact your bill before canceling your Budget Billing Plan.

YOUR MONTHLY BILL

You can keep track of how the budget bill amount compares to your actual usage by reviewing the Budget Billing Plan section of your bill. For example:

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E Your budget bill amount was reviewed and changed to \$154 effective with your next bill. Your Budget Billing Plan will be reviewed periodically and you will be notified of the results through a bill message.

During this budget plan year you have been billed \$129.32 more than your energy costs. This includes \$25.26 which was your year-end budget plan balance.

Budget Bill Amount

\$177.00

A

Current Month

Total Current Costs

\$133.63

B

Difference Applied to Budget Balance

\$43.37 CR

C

Budget Plan Summary

Current Month Balance After Payment

\$129.32 CR

Previous Month Balance

\$85.95 CR

Budget Payments Billed to Date

\$1062.00

Energy Costs to Date

\$907.42

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- A** Budget Bill Amount – Your budget billing charges for the current month.
- B** Total Current Costs – Your actual energy charges for the current month.
- C** Difference Applied to Budget Balance – The difference between your budget billing charges for the current month and your actual energy charges for the current month is applied to your budget balance. This could be a credit or a charge applied to your bill annually. (CR = Credit)
- D** Compare the total amount billed under the Budget Billing Plan with the cost of the actual energy used. A difference is normal, and is part of how budget billing works.
- E** A message is displayed on your bill when your Budget Billing Plan is reviewed and will notify you of any upcoming changes.

CALCULATING YOUR BUDGET BILL AMOUNT

We calculate your average monthly bill amount based on projected energy prices and the cost of the previous 24 months of usage at your home or business.

