

MINNESOTA

Cold Weather Rule

Know your rights and
your responsibilities.



SAVE ENERGY – SAVE MONEY

Below are some ideas for saving money on your energy bills this winter:

- ✓ Manage your thermostat. Try these settings:
 - Heating: 66 – 68 degrees
 - Cooling: 76 – 78 degrees
- ✓ Install a programmable thermostat, set the temperature back 10 degrees for 8 hours every night during the winter months, and you will lower your heating bills.
- ✓ Check the furnace filter, change it monthly.
- ✓ Check the duct work for dirt streaks, especially near seams. These indicate air leaks and they should be sealed with duct mastic.
- ✓ Insulate any ducts or pipes that travel through unheated spaces.
- ✓ Seal any air leaks. Caulk or weather strip any cracks around doors and window frames. Block openings at bottom of doorways.
- ✓ Vacuum refrigerator/freezer coils to improve the efficiency of these units(s).
- ✓ Insulate your hot water storage tank, following the manufacturer's recommendations.

Feel free to contact OPU Customer Service at 507-451-2480 with any additional questions you may have.