



THRIFTY WATTS®

Would you like to reduce your utility bill by up to \$8.50 per month? Let us introduce you to “Thrifty Watts”! Thrifty Watts is a residential load management and energy conservation program offered by Moorhead Public Service (MPS). It allows MPS to cycle your central air conditioner, or both your central air conditioner and electric water heater, on and off during periods of high electric usage, in return for a credit applied to your monthly utility bill. **There is no cost to you, and you do not need to supply or purchase any special equipment.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

MPS’ residential electric customers are eligible for Thrifty Watts; however, dual-fuel customers already receive these savings through the Dual-Fuel Program and are therefore not eligible to participate in Thrifty Watts.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING ON THRIFTY WATTS®?

- By cycling the air conditioner, you should notice very little, if any, change in your comfort level, but you will feel good about the credit MPS applied to your monthly utility bill.
- If you participate in Thrifty Watts for your central air conditioner, you can also include your electric water heater to receive an additional credit from MPS.
- You will know that you are playing a significant role in helping MPS reduce the amount of higher-cost power it purchases during periods of peak electric usage.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

By allowing MPS to cycle your air conditioner, approximately 12 minutes on and 12 minutes off during our peak energy usage times, MPS will credit your utility bill \$5.50 per month from May through September.

Receiving an additional credit of \$3 per month, year-round, by allowing MPS to control your electric water heater for up to 4 hours per control period. Unlike the seasonal credit provided for air conditioner-controlled cycling, the water heater credit will be provided to you year-round.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE?

There is no cost to you for participating. As mentioned earlier, there is no need to install a backup system or an additional electrical service panel.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Simply complete and submit the sign-up form to MPS.

If you decide at any time that you no longer want to be in the program, call 218.477.8000, Option 4, and we will disconnect the equipment at no cost to you.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SIGN UP?

If you are a qualifying residential electric customer of MPS, a service person from an electrical contractor working on MPS' behalf will contact you, if necessary, to complete the wiring connections and the control box installation.

Connecting a central air conditioner is generally straightforward because all connections can usually be made outside the home. In fact, you will not need to be home when we perform this work. The only time there will be an issue connecting an air conditioner is if there is no outside disconnect box available to connect the air conditioning low-voltage circuit to MPS' control receiver. Most homes already have this disconnect box, but for those that may not, MPS will, at its discretion, provide one at no additional cost to you.

Electric water heaters are usually located inside the home, so someone will need to be home to provide access. Although enrolling an electric water heater on the Thrifty Watts program is usually not a problem, there may be the occasional home where, due to the location of the homeowner's equipment or unique building construction, connecting the water heater may be difficult or impossible. If this occurs, MPS will examine the situation and identify the options available to the homeowner.

Thrifty Watts is limited to a set number of installations each year. If Thrifty Watts® has reached its participation limit for the current year, you can choose to be added to our waiting list for next year's program.

Questions?

If you have additional questions, please contact MPS' Energy Services Manager at 218.477.8085.