Energy Insecurity During COVID-19

Challenges in Meeting Energy Needs

1 in 5 of U.S. households surveyed from April 2020 through May 2020 reported reducing or forgoing necessities such as food and medicine to pay an energy bill.

1/8 of U.S. households surveyed from April 2020 through May 2020 reported facing a challenge in paying energy bills.

Number of Past Due Florida Power & Light (FPL) Residential Bills

OCT. 2019

16,948

6,469

OCT. 2020

41,737

30,295

Compared to last year, more than 3 times as many residents are 60 or more days past due on their FPL bills.

60-90 days past due
90+ days past due

Energy insecurity may trigger mental health disorders such as anxiety and depression and contribute to poorer quality of physical health.

Resources in Miami-Dade County

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**
A federally funded program that assist low-income homeowners with making their homes energy efficient through the installation of cost-saving measures.
More info: www.miamidade.gov/socialservices

**Housing Assistance Network of Dade (HAND)**
Provides temporary rental assistance to eligible individuals and families in Miami-Dade County who are currently homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. The Program was recently expanded to help people experiencing economic hardship as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Call: (305)231-7667

**211 Switchboard**
A 24/7 operated helpline partially with trained staff and volunteers provide telephone counseling, crisis intervention, and information and referral to countywide programs and services.
Call: 2-1-1

**Miami-Dade Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**
Provides rental payment assistance for up to three months but no more than $5,000 total to families experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
More info: www.miamidade.gov

**Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**
A federally funded program that assist low-income homeowners with making their homes energy efficient through the installation of cost-saving measures.
More info: www.miamidade.gov/socialservices
Housing Assistance Network of Dade (HAND) received more than 29,000 applications in Miami-Dade County by June 2020. Of these applicants, 3,466 qualified for the lottery allocation of aid system with 300 initial lottery winners.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) From the launch of COVID-19 Crisis Assistance until September, more than 2,900 Miami-Dade households received assistance totaling $1.7 million. Since July, more than 14,000 people have asked for help with more than 5,000 households receiving assistance totaling more than $3.2 million in aid.