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HEATING BILL SURPRISES

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The cold weather is finally gone....but the heating bills are just beginning to arrive.

Consumer groups around the midwest are warning homeowners to expect bills that are 80 percent higher than last month.

Some bills are double the December bill!

If you cant afford yours, you can ask duke for an **"Extended Payment Plan," spreading it out over several months,** or **"Even Billing," where it's spread out over the year.**

Or if you are low income, you can apply for HEAP heating assistance, through your local Community Action Agency. They are listed under "C" or under your county in the Phone Book.

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