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| It's Official: Winter is Here. So are Rising Energy Costs. |

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| **DID YOU KNOW?** The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources ([DOER](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015L3jH4CszYn-TicZTsnGqG-S3FopVU6VsWaMubsobz0HNh6vBsFgIYJPVxiacBwKQlibA8mdTf6WKmSGQnIEf9CGFjQlSMZjn6DHAJCAlag0uMnXNl8lBwSW3PjFVj_DTNlzVxdvaJMRLQld33XDP38kDSVgRtViOfKO6vCEAndaDpdiZQCNpa_Q5Sx7gNPq_ofQCl2YxGitqHzxQLitug==&c=5TmDncXWFkt_cu_LCVpcBc1BLskxKNZaDpAMw46I1sQwadmfPQRX7w==&ch=4ukYzMMDwOyoJgrYpoxHab080YNUtEY2p-WghutpwVjAahkzzflYQQ==)) estimates that residential customers will see the following cost increases: Natural Gas- 28.6% increaseElectricity- 54.6% increaseHeating Oil- 18.6% increasePropane- 3.0% increase |

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| The entire Greater Boston region will be affected by rising energy utility costs this winter.  These price increases come at a time when many residents are also experiencing skyrocketing costs for day-to-day household expenses that are exacerbated by inflation, forcing people to choose between heating their homes and meeting their other needs. Support for utility assistance and reducing energy bills will have to come from a range of sources. In support of your efforts to inform your community about the available resources, **MAPC created a** [**communications toolkit**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015L3jH4CszYn-TicZTsnGqG-S3FopVU6VsWaMubsobz0HNh6vBsFgIYJPVxiacBwKQqGfKasm38mCoCW9okbJSMTf5onvncqQyfTOVqK8_Xsv0DiCdQniZBn8j-DU4kCqbRcDj6B0M3m9kGqmoHsD0NxE-0SIEd78mD7InIPTAHk_FVY1SLc6uXpM7fbK2aPJF7hBVlcvJJIq9PaewbJA9g==&c=5TmDncXWFkt_cu_LCVpcBc1BLskxKNZaDpAMw46I1sQwadmfPQRX7w==&ch=4ukYzMMDwOyoJgrYpoxHab080YNUtEY2p-WghutpwVjAahkzzflYQQ==) **for your use**. It is easy to use and provides tools to help you inform your community about the increase and near-term solutions. |

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| [**Access the Toolkit Now**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0015L3jH4CszYn-TicZTsnGqG-S3FopVU6VsWaMubsobz0HNh6vBsFgIYJPVxiacBwKQqGfKasm38mCoCW9okbJSMTf5onvncqQyfTOVqK8_Xsv0DiCdQniZBn8j-DU4kCqbRcDj6B0M3m9kGqmoHsD0NxE-0SIEd78mD7InIPTAHk_FVY1SLc6uXpM7fbK2aPJF7hBVlcvJJIq9PaewbJA9g==&c=5TmDncXWFkt_cu_LCVpcBc1BLskxKNZaDpAMw46I1sQwadmfPQRX7w==&ch=4ukYzMMDwOyoJgrYpoxHab080YNUtEY2p-WghutpwVjAahkzzflYQQ==)  |

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| **Questions**  |

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| For any questions about the toolkit or if you need help using it, please contact our Clean Energy Department:cleanenergy@mapc.org |

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| **Media**  |

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| For press inquiries from members of the media, please contact our press contacts: **Amanda Linehan**ALinehan@mapc.org **Tim Viall**TViall@mapc.org ﻿ |

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| **Input** |

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| If you have other resources you’d like to share that aren’t listed in the toolkit please contact:SShyduroff@mapc.org |

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| MAPC logo in white. It's a map of Massachusetts in light white, and the communities we serve are colored in a solid white.  Under the map it says, MAPC. Under that it says, "Metropolitan Area Planning Council." Everything is in white.  |

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