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## Winter heating bills for natural gas to increase, heating oil costs to decline

U.S. households that use natural gas, electricity or propane to stay warm are expected to pay more this winter in heating bills compared to last year, while bills for heating oil users will decline slightly from last winter.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration's updated winter forecast expects heating bills will be 11 percent higher for homes that heat with natural gas.

Propane users in the Midwest, where propane is used more than in any other region of the country, will see their heating costs rise 10 percent. Propane users in the Northeast are expected to see a 6 percent increase, an improvement from the 11% increase EIA initially forecast for this winter.

Households that rely on electric heat will see a nearly 2 percent increase.

Homes that use heating oil...many of which are located in the Northeast...are expected to see a 4 percent drop in their bills this winter.

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