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Midwest households expected to see a 33% drop in propane heating bills this winter

Midwest households that paid record-high prices for propane last winter to stay warm are expected to see a big drop in their heating bills this winter, according to the forecast for winter heating expenditures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The new forecast, which incorporates the latest weather outlook from forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, says the average Midwest household will spend \$1,500 to heat with propane this winter. That's down one-third, or almost \$800 less, than last winter.

What's behind the lower heating bills? An expected warmer winter this year....which means less heating demand.... coupled with lower propane prices.

Five percent of U.S. households rely on propane as their main heating fuel and almost 40% of those propane-heated homes are located in the Midwest.

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