

## Household heating bills expected to be lower this winter

U.S. consumers are expected to pay less this winter on their home heating bills because of lower oil and natural gas prices and projected milder temperatures than last winter.

In its new forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said households that rely on heating oil which are mainly located in the Northeast will pay the lowest heating expenditures in 9 years down 25% from last winter as consumers are expected to save about \$460 this heating season.

Propane users most of which are located in the Midwest will pay about 21% less, a decrease of around \$320 while households that heat with natural gas will pay 10%, or about \$60 less than last winter.

Households that rely on electric heat will see their average bill decline by about \$30, or 3% less.

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