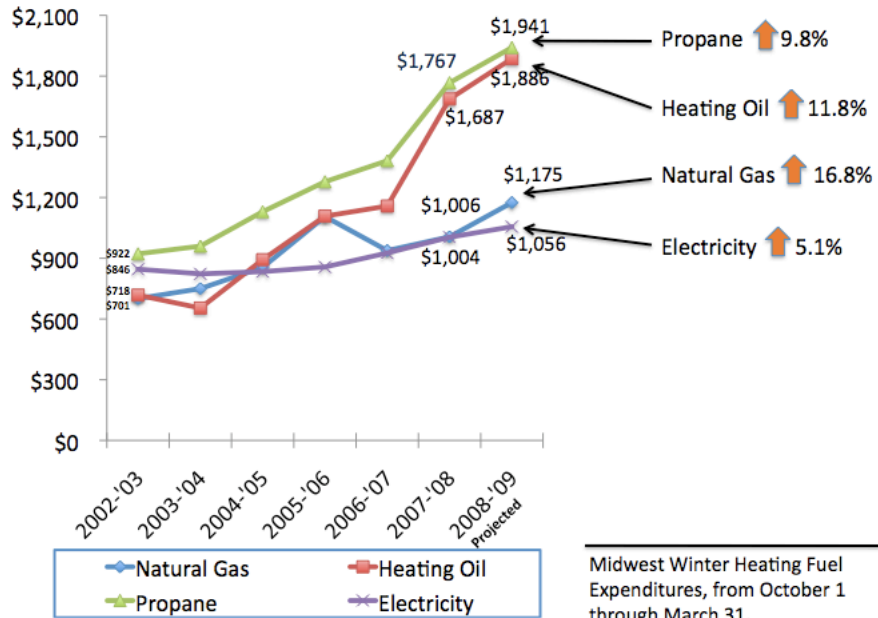


Heating Bills this Winter are Expected to Break Records...

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## Home Heating Costs Climb



Forecasts call for the typical Midwestern homeowner to pay more than **\$1,175** for home heating this winter >> up **17%** from last year

Source: Energy Information Administration Short-Term Energy and Winter Fuels Outlook October 7, 2008 Release  
[www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/oct08.pdf](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/oct08.pdf)

## What can YOU do to reduce your energy use and bill this heating season?

Start with this weatherization checklist.

- Caulk around windows, doors and cracks in siding. Inexpensive window insulation kits are also available.
- Weatherstrip windows and doors and repair thresholds and door bottoms. Installing a door sweep is easy.
- Seal large gaps and plumbing and electrical penetrations with foam in a can.
- Clean or replace furnace filter.
- Install foam gaskets at electrical switches and plugs.
- Blanket the water heater.
- Insulate hot and cold water lines.
- Place heavy duty aluminum foil behind your steam radiator to reflect heat into the room.
- Install lined drapes or other dense window coverings.
- Close the fireplace damper when not in use.
- Install a programmable thermostat.

Source: [www.onthehouse.com/tips/19940108](http://www.onthehouse.com/tips/19940108)



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