

# Take Action: To Keep Utilities On!



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## THE PROBLEM (WHY?)

Too many Missourians have lost their jobs or have had their hours cut because of the COVID-19 global health emergency. Many individuals and families are now facing the disconnection of their utilities. **Providing utility service and keeping people stably housed is one important way that we can keep Missourians safe and slow the spread of this deadly virus.** Please join us as we speak to the people in power: Missouri is hurting. We need utility service protection today.

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Email Governor Parson today.

**Go to:**  
<https://governor.mo.gov/contact-us>

## HOW? Follow these quick steps:

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### 1 COMPLETE THE CONTACT FORM

Fill out the contact form that shows up.  
Select "Utilities" from the drop-down menu that appears under the Subject line.

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### 2 TELL YOUR STORY

Think about your own experiences or those you know whose utilities have been disconnected or who have received a disconnection notice. We need to help the Governor understand what utility disconnection means for families!

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### 3 DRAFT YOUR EMAIL -- here's an example:

I am very concerned about utility shutoffs as we head into winter during a global pandemic. Having gas and electric service is basic to family health. Without hot water it is very difficult for people to prevent the spread of CO-VID-19 by properly washing their hands and the surfaces in their homes. While there is a federal moratorium on some evictions, there is no moratorium on utility disconnections. Utility shut offs do lead to tenants being displaced. Eviction, especially during winter, will increase street homelessness and is another way that people could be vulnerable to increased infection rates. Please put a moratorium in place immediately and extend it until CO-VID 19 is under control and people are able to work in a fully functioning economy. Your action will save lives. Thank you for considering this. I look forward to your response.