***Resources & Assistance for Berrien County Residents***

**Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency**
*185 East Main Street, Suite 200
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
1(800)334-7670
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00am to 12:00 noon*
**Helps with:**

* Electric Service Payment Assistance
* Gas Service Payment Assistance
* Heating Fuel Payment Assistance
* Mortgage Payment Assistance
* Rent Payment Assistance

**Eligibility:** This program is income-based and a person may only access this program one time per 12-month period
**Documents to Bring:**

* Valid picture ID with current address
* Proof of income
* Social security cards for everyone in the household
* Decision notice from the Department of Human Services

**Salvation Army – Benton Harbor Corps**
*233 Michigan
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269)927-1353
Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am to 4:00pm*
**Helps with:**

* Electric Service Payment Assistance
* Gas Service Payment Assistance
* Heating Fuel Payment Assistance
* Mortgage Payment Assistance
* Rent Payment Assistance

***(Salvation Army – Benton Harbor Corps Cont.)***

**Eligibility:** The bill must be either in the client’s name or spouse’s name
**Documents to Bring:**

* Valid picture ID
* Proof of income
* Documentation of shut off and/or eviction

**Michigan Department of Human Services – Berrien County**
*401 Eighth Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269)934-2000
Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am to 5:00pm*
**Helps with:**

* Electric Service Payment Assistance
* Gas Service Payment Assistance
* Heating Fuel Payment Assistance
* Water Service Payment

**Eligibility:** Low income households with limited assets
**Documents to Bring:**

* Proof of residence
* Proof of income (earned and unearned) for all permanent household members
* Proof of assets (cash on-hand, checking/savings/credit union accounts, etc.)
* Birth Certificates
* Social Security cards for all permanent household members

**Catholic Community Center**
*631 Pearl
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269)926-6424
Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 9:00am to 11:30am*
**Helps with:**

* Electric Service Payment Assistance
* Gas Service Payment Assistance
* Heating Fuel Payment Assistance
* Water Service Payment Assistance

**Eligibility:** Live in Berrien County and have proof of the financial need. They will assist a person one time per year with a bill
**Documents to Bring:**

* Valid picture ID
* Proof of Need

**St. Joseph Parish Conference Society of St. Vincent De Paul**
*301 Wayne Street
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
(269)982-3478
Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8:30am to 11:30am*

**Helps with:**

* Electric Service Payment Assistance
* Gas Service Payment Assistance
* Heating Fuel Payment Assistance
* Water Service Payment Assistance

**Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Berrien County
**Documents to Bring:**

* Valid picture ID
* Documentation of Need

*\*Due to Michigan Laws and Tax Compliance, Oakridge Community Church is unable to offer any assistance at this time with the exception of our community food pantry. The Oakridge Community Church food pantry is available every 2nd FULL week of the month, on Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Thank you! We will continue to research community assistance options and we will communicate any additions or changes in the future.*