

Fuel Costs and Updating Library:

Fuel cost must be updated annually. INCAA will provide natural gas and electric prices for larger utilities. The updated fuel costs listing provided by INCAA cover approximately 80% of all weatherization client homes. There are several smaller electric and natural gas providers throughout the State of Indiana.

Options for setting up fuel cost library:

1-Subgrantees may average the fuel prices **in your area** in order to utilize a single price for all electric dwellings and another one for all gas dwellings

2-Subgrantees may have multiple fuel cost libraries which are provider specific for each dwelling

*If the subgrantee elects to use a territory average, then that territory average must be used for all dwellings, including the dwellings where the provider for that home is higher than the average. If a subgrantee has a high number of natural gas or electric homes from a provider not on the INCAA updated fuel prices list, please email cwillman@incap.org with the name and location of that provider with a request for INCAA to attempt to obtain the fuel price for that particular provider.

The following are guidance excerpts from the NEAT/MHEA V8.9 manual.

“The Fuel Costs form (see Figure 14.14) under the Main Menu’s “Setup Library” button is used to record the **average fuel prices in your agency’s area**. The prices will be used in any NEAT or MHEA audit that specifies use of the Setup Library and the Fuel Cost Library within a Setup Library (see “Libraries and Other Options Data Block” under Section 8.2, Audit Information

As the number of service companies increases, the number of fuel cost libraries needed to cover all possibilities can become unmanageable. Under these circumstances, it is recommended that you attempt to average prices for a given fuel from providers whose prices do not differ significantly.”

Propane, Wood, Pellet, and Oil Heated Dwellings:

Sub-grantees must find averages from their local providers.

When calculating averages for these fuel sources, the sub-grantees shall average at least two local providers of propane costs with cost six months prior to current date with the current date cost. See propane example below:

Example #1:

Vendor A:

Current price (August 2019) is \$1.85 per gallon

Six months prior (Feb 2019) was \$2.45 per gallon

- $\$1.85 + \$2.45 = \$4.30$ per gallon
- $\$4.30$ divided by 2 = \$ 2.15 per gallon

Vendor B:

Current price (August 2019) is \$1.90 per gallon

Price six months prior (February 2019) was \$ 2.80 per gallon

- $\$1.90 + \$2.80 = \$5.12$
- $\$5.12$ divided by 2 = \$2.56

Then add the two averages and divide by two:

$$\$2.15 + \$2.56 = \$4.71$$

$$\$4.71 \text{ divided by } 2 = \$2.36$$

\$2.36 will be the cost of propane fuel that will be added to your NEAT/MHEA database