Community Action Agency urges residents to apply for deliverable fuel early

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JACKSON, MI – It may still feel like summer, but it's not too soon to think about filling up on deliverable fuel for the long Michigan winter.

Gary Purcell, a worker with Zimmerman Fuel Distributors, fills a large propane tank at Hammond Hardware in Jackson on Monday, Jan. 27, 2014. (J. Scott Park | MLive.com)

Income eligible residents in Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale counties can apply at a local Community Action Agency before Aug. 27 to get funding for deliverable fuels.

Those fuels include propane, fuel oil, wood, kerosene, heating fuel pellets and coal.

Funding will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis, and may decrease during September and October with the heating season starting on Nov. 1, according to the Community Action Agency.

Documents needed to submit an application include Michigan identification for all household member 18 years and older, Social Security cards for all household members, proof of income from the previous 30 days and proof of the amount of food stamps received from the Department of Human Services.

If applicants don't receive benefits from DHS, they'll need to show additional financial items.

Homeowners must supply their most recent property tax bill and registration must be submitted for all vehicles, boats and recreational vehicles.

Residents can apply at the Community Action Agency offices in Jackson, Adrian or Hillsdale.

For more information on applying, go to www.caajlh.org