

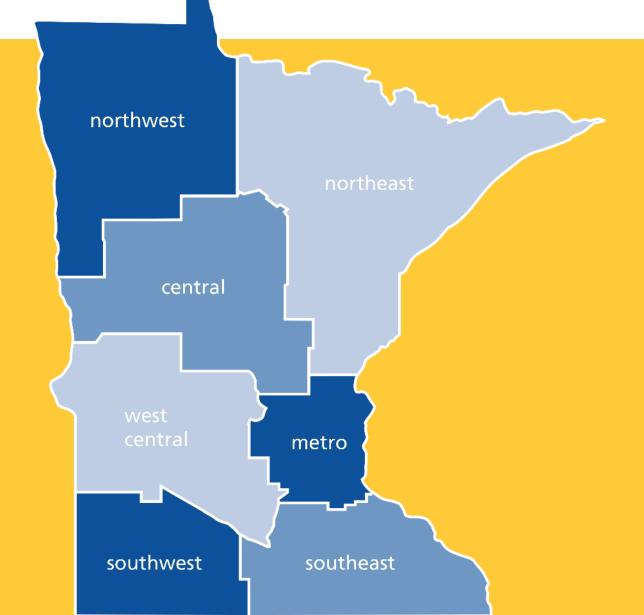
Are you pumped up? Achieving widespread quality installations of cold climate air source heat pumps

# Getting customers warmed up to heating and cooling with ccASHPs

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# Helping Minnesotans build clean energy

**CERTS MISSION** We connect individuals and their communities to the resources they need to identify and implement community-based clean energy projects



# How does CERTs help?



### **Hands-on assistance**

For cities, counties, utilities, farmers, businesses, and other organizations looking to make a change

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### Practical steps to clean energy

Resources for getting started, moving forward, and completing projects

# Learning opportunities

We host events, create resources, and highlight clean energy stories and jobs

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### **Heat and Cool with**

### **Air Source Heat Pumps**

#### Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) use electricity to heat and cool.

- ASHPs work like air conditioners to cool, and work in reverse to move warmth from outside air into your home to heat.
- ASHPs heat homes up to three times more efficiently than forced air and electric resistance heating systems.

#### **Two Setups: Ductless or Central** WHICH IS THE BEST FIT FOR YOUR MINNESOTA HOME?



OUTDOOR UNIT

above snow depth

#### DUCTLESS / MINI-SPLITS

Ductless ASHPs don't require ductwork in your home. There is one outdoor condenser connected to one or more indoor air distribution units. Indoor units are typically mounted on the wall, floor or ceiling. The individually-controlled indoor units allow for zoned heating and cooling and maximize energy savings and comfort.



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#### GOOD FIT WHEN:

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### Efficiently Heat and Cool with Air Source Heat Pumps

WHAT LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE DO YOU NEED IN MINNESOTA?

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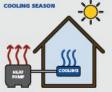
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FIND COSTS, COMPARISONS & MORE

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HOW IT WORKS





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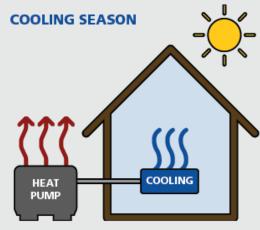
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Mind-blowing fact #1

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- Utility offerings
- Cost of audit
- Additional service by your company?

**MN Power: Free** 

OTP: Limited, Free (Transformer) & Online (Analyzer)

Minnesota Energy Resources: Free

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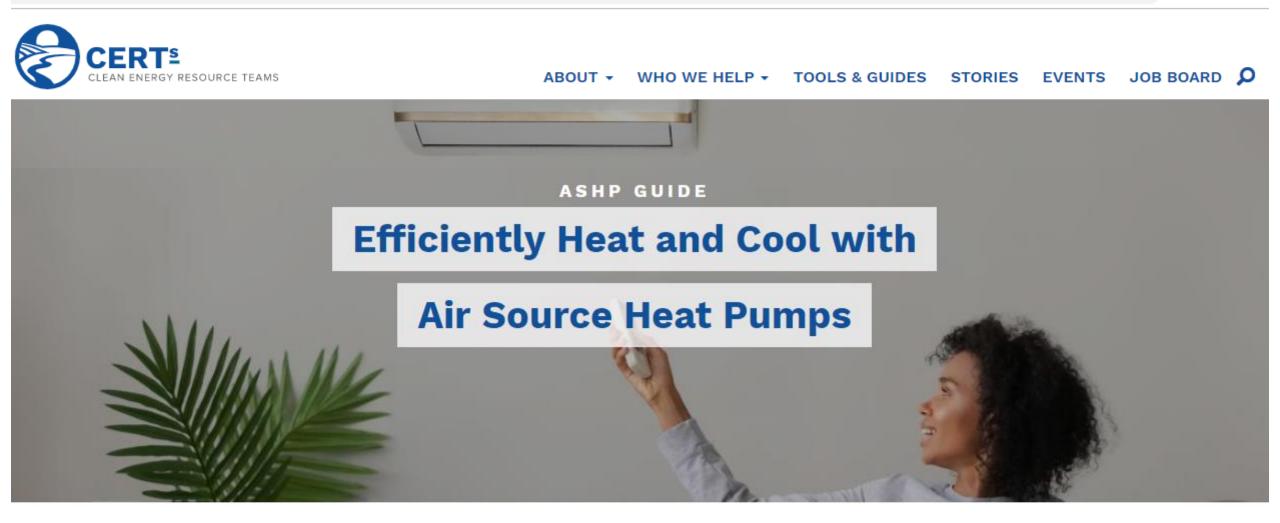
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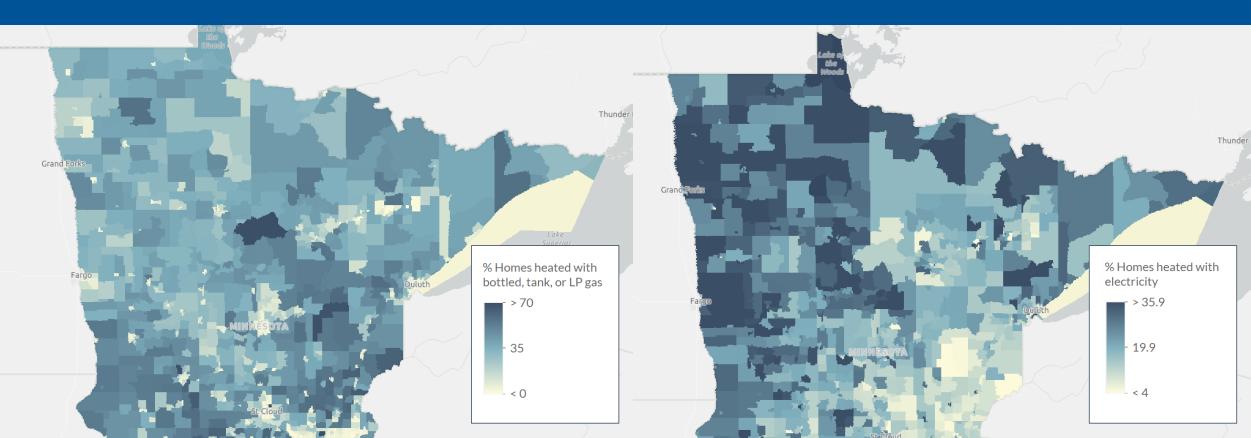
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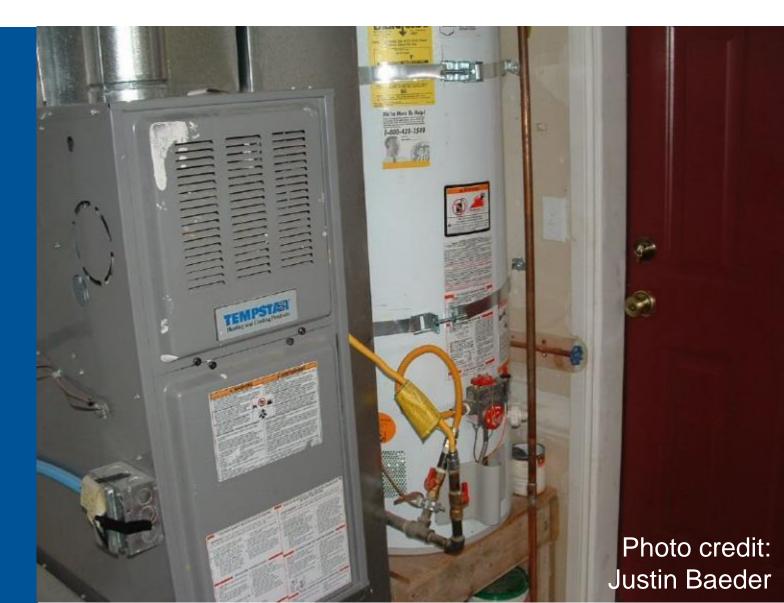
# Northern Minnesota: Prime for ccASHPs

- Cost savings when already heating with electric or propane
- Much of northern MN heats with electric or propane



# **Natural Gas Conversions**

- Natural gas for home heating is still most economical
- Make certain customer is aware of financial impact
- Provide operating cost estimates to demonstrate



# Want to Follow-up?



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