

Energy Assistance

WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

Dear Neighbor,

It can get cold here in Connecticut and some families are faced with the difficult decision of how to find the money to pay for heating costs. There are several programs that can help subsidize heating costs and make sure that the heat stays on.

I hope that you will find this mailer helpful. Please don't hesitate to call my office if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,



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**For further assistance
please contact my office or the program directly at
<http://1.usa.gov/1cr9Q4K>
or call 211.**

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE**WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS**

Winter heating assistance pays for most heating sources including natural gas, electricity, oil, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. This program is not just for homeowners; renters are encouraged to apply as well. If you find that you are eligible for winter heating assistance, this means that you may also be eligible for weatherization assistance that will help conserve energy and lower your household heating bills.

OPERATION FUEL

Operation Fuel is a network of fuel banks that helps families and small businesses. Operation Fuel is committed to providing assistance to the residents of Connecticut who may have no other option to cover energy costs. While approval is income based, their private dollars allow them to help anyone in an energy crisis. **For more information, check out their website at operationfuel.org**

ARE YOU A HOMEOWNER OR RENTER WHO PAYS SEPARATELY FOR HEAT?

If you live in a *vulnerable household* (One or more members are age 60 or older, have a disability, are under age 6) then you may qualify for up to \$585 in winter heating assistance.

If you live in a *non-vulnerable household* (No member is age 60 or over, has a disability, or is under age 6) you may qualify for up to \$535 in winter heating assistance.

The exact level of benefits is based on the number of members in the household, the household's income, and whether it is a "vulnerable" household. Households with a lower income will be eligible for a higher amount of assistance.

ARE YOUR HEATING COSTS INCLUDED IN YOUR MONTHLY RENT?

You may still be eligible for winter heating assistance up to \$120, depending on the household's income and number of members.

ADDITIONAL HELP

Most gas and electric utility companies participate in the Winter Protection Program (which helps low income residents avoid shutoffs) and Arrearage Forgiveness Programs. For more information, contact your utility company.

Household Size

Including homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat. Also includes renters whose heat is included in the rent, as long as more than 30% of gross income is paid towards rent.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Under \$17,235	Under \$23,265	Under \$29,295	Under \$35,325	Under \$41,355	Under \$47,385	Under \$53,415

Household Size

If you or a member of your household is at least 60 years old, under 6 years old or has a disability - including homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat. At this level, renters are not eligible if heat is included in the rent.

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Under \$22,980	Under \$31,020	Under \$39,060	Under \$47,100	Under \$55,140	Under \$63,180	Under \$71,220

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