

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

TURN DOWN YOUR THERMOSTAT

Find a comfortable temperature and keep it fixed there. Remember to turn it down at night and when you're out.

OPEN & CLOSE YOUR BLINDS

Make sure your blinds and curtains are open during the day, allowing sunlight into the house. Close blinds at night in order to trap heat.

WINTERIZE YOUR WINDOWS & DOORS

Use plastic to cover your windows. Inspect door frames to make sure no drafts are coming into your home.

CHECK YOUR FURNACE

Clean your air filters so that your heating system works better.

USE YOUR CEILING FAN

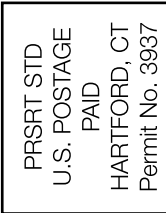
Set your fan to blow air towards the ceiling. This will allow even heating in the room.

CONTACT YOUR UTILITY COMPANY

Many offer tips by phone, email or website. Some will send a representative to your home. Call Eversource (800-286-2828) or Connecticut Natural Gas (860-524-8361) for more information.

GET AN ENERGY AUDIT

Energize CT offers free home energy audits for qualified people. Visit energizect.com to learn more.



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WINTER UPDATE

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear Neighbor,

I am happy to announce that Governor Lamont will grant my bond request of \$1.5 million to renovate 100 High Street into a performing arts center. Congratulations Opera House Players! Thank you governor for recognizing the role of the arts in economic growth.

Additionally, there is a savings of \$3.1 billion in Connecticut's rainy-day fund, putting our state among the national leaders in budget reserves! In 2020, the Pew Charitable Trusts reported that Connecticut's reserves grew the second-fastest nationally, even in the midst of a global pandemic. According to a CT Mirror article in late October: "Just four years after the cupboard was bare, CT has become a national leader in budget reserves."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Tom Arnone'.

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STATE & FEDERAL HEATING ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

- Heating assistance for households whose income falls at or below 60% of the state median income.
- Call 860-560-5800 or email crtenergyapplication@crtct.org to apply and receive more information.

Local Warming Shelters

- Local shelters will often pop up during particularly cold stretches throughout the winter. You can find a list of these shelters by calling 211 or by visiting: uwc.211ct.org/get-help/warmingcenters
- Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Shelter is open from 9:00pm to 7:00 am, January through March at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Enfield.

They are also operating an outreach and engagement center from 6:30pm to 8 pm at St Patrick's Church, 64 Pearl St, Thompsonville. They are offering snacks, some clothing, and resources to help with next steps to find overnight shelter.

Operation Fuel

- Cash assistance for households whose income falls at or below 75% of the state median income.
- Must have been denied support or have exhausted resources from state-administered heating assistance (CEAP) before you can apply.
- Must be in extreme financial crisis in order to qualify.
- Can check eligibility and apply by calling 211 or by visiting operationfuel.org/gethelp/fuel-bank-finder

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TOM ARNONE HELPING YOU STAY WARM THIS WINTER



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NEW LAWS & REGULATIONS PROTECTING YOU

- A ban on cancellation fees by electric companies and unpredictable variable energy rates.
- Energy suppliers must provide a written notice to of contract expiration to residents between 30-60 days prior to such expiration and a cover page highlighting any changes between a resident's new contract and old contract.
- Cannot charge a service rate that is more than the first price term offered in a contract without 30-day notification prior to the contract's effect.
- Cannot transfer a customer to a different provider without approval of PURA.
- PURA must consider energy storage programs that have positive value to all ratepayers.
- DEEP must solicit energy storage projects that are in the ratepayer's best interests, promote energy reliability, and comply with the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Energy customers will now receive compensation to help with the impacts of major power outages:
 - » \$25 credit for each 24-hour period after the first 96 hours of a power outage.
 - » \$250 compensation for medication and food that has expired during a power outage lasting more than 96 hours.



Learn about local events, happenings at the Capitol and updates on heating assistance, renters rebates and other helpful programs by signing up for email updates at: www.housedems.ct.gov/Arnone