# **ENERGY SAVING TIPS**

## TO SAVE YOU MONEY



### 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

Energize CT reports that "sealing air leaks and adding insulation could reduce your energy bill by 5 - 30%".



### CHECK YOUR FURNACE

Clean your air filters so that your heating system works more efficiently.



### **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 UI (800) 722-5584 or Southern CT Gas (800) 659-8299 for more information.



#### **GET AN ENERGY AUDIT**

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

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# **HELP WITH ENERGY COSTS**

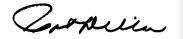
Dear Neighbor,

Winters in Connecticut are cold, and some families have a hard time covering high heating bills. There is help out there!

Several programs can help us all keep costs lower and save energy. Please read this mailer to find out more.

If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to call my office. My staff and I are eager to do what we can to assist you during the winter months.

Sincerely,





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# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES FUEL ASSISTANCE

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is one of two fuel banks in New Haven for the Operation Fuel Program that provides emergency energy assistance to those in need. They work with individuals and families to process applications and help determine funding eligibility.

1440 Whalley Avenue, New Haven CT 06515

www.jfsnh.org | (203) 389-5599 | Toll Free: (866) 389-5599

Monday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-7pm

Friday: 9am-3pm

## **LEARN MORE ABOUT ENERGY CHOICES AT**



www.energizect.com • 1-877-WISE-USE (947-3873)

# 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 \$590 in winter heating assistance. If you live in a non-vulnerable household you may qualify for up to \$535 in winter heating assistance.

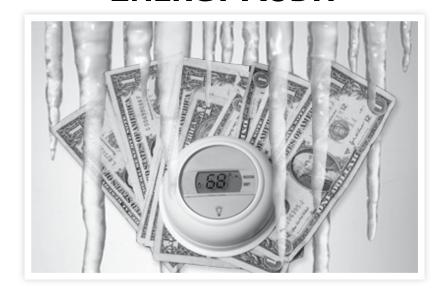
## **ARE YOUR HEATING COSTS INCLUDED IN YOUR MONTHLY RENT?**

YOU MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$100 TO \$140 IN WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE DEPENDING ON THE HOUSEHOLD'S INCOME AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Individuals and families can act every day at home and work to save energy, support clean energy, and protect our environment.

FOR MORE IDEAS, VISIT
WWW.ENERGIZECT.COM/RESIDENTS/SMART-ENERGY-TIPS.

# GET A HOME ENERGY AUDIT



# HOME ENERGY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

Energize CT's Home Energy Solutions program is available to UI residential customers. This program provides both an <u>energy</u> <u>audit</u> and <u>on site services</u>, such as installation of energy-efficient lighting, faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads. Free service is available to income eligible households.

The certified technicians who visit your home will seal leaks and replace incandescent bulbs, as well as provide personalized payback calculations, information on available rebates, and financing options.

For those who have already completed their home energy audit, Home Performance with Energy Star™ is available for home improvement projects.

For more information, visit www.energizect.com/residents/ programs/home-energy-solutions-core-services or Call 877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873).

# CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Connecticut's winter heating assistance program for low-income households pays for most heating sources, including: natural gas, electricity, oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood and wood pellets.

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.

TO APPLY, CALL JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (203) 389-5599, COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF NEW HAVEN (203) 387-7700, 2-1-1 INFOLINE, OR DSS 1-800-842-1132.



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