

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



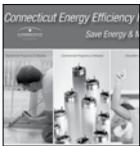
CHECK YOUR FURNACE

Clean your air filters so that your heating system works 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 (203) 499-5973 or Southern CT Gas (800) 659-8299 for more information.



GET AN ENERGY AUDIT

Energize CT offers free home energy audits for qualified applicants. To learn more, visit www.energizect.com/residents.

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HELP WITH HEATING 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.

Please do not hesitate to call my office if you have any questions or need more information. My staff and I are eager to do what we can to help you make it through the winter months.

Sincerely,

FOR MORE HELP, PLEASE CONTACT
MY OFFICE OR DSS AT
WWW.CT.GOV/STAYWARM

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CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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.

DO YOU PAY 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** you may qualify for up to \$535 in winter heating assistance.

IS YOUR HEAT INCLUDED IN YOUR RENT?

You may still be eligible for up to \$100 - \$120 in winter heating assistance depending on the household's income and number of members.

TO APPLY FOR THESE PROGRAMS, SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF NEW HAVEN, INC. **(203) 285-8018**, CONTACTING **2-1-1** INFOLINE OR THE DSS OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AT **1-800-842-1132**.

FOR MORE INFO ON THESE AND OTHER STATE-ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS CHECK OUT THE HOUSING/SHELTER TAB AT **WWW.CT.GOV/DSS**



THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you qualify for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, you may also be eligible for the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program. This program helps low-income persons minimize energy-related costs and fuel usage in their homes through retrofits and home improvement measures.

Priority is given to households with members that are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, those with disabilities, families with children and high energy users. For multi-family dwellings, at least two-thirds of the tenants must be income-eligible.

For more information contact DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov. If you are not eligible, there are other programs available. Find out more by contacting your utility company.



OPERATION FUEL

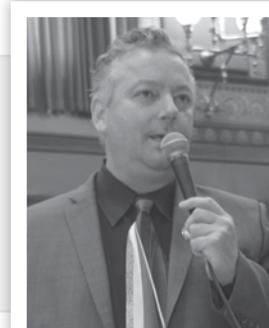
Operation Fuel is a network of fuel banks that helps families and small businesses by providing assistance to the residents of Connecticut who may have no other option to cover energy costs. While approval is income-based, their private dollars allow them to help anyone in an energy crisis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.OPERATIONFUEL.ORG OR CALL 2-1-1 TO FIND YOUR LOCAL FUEL BANK AND APPLY TODAY

AVOID SHUT OFFS

Most gas and electric utility companies participate in Arrearage Forgiveness Programs, for those falling behind on their heating bills, and the Winter Protection Program, which helps low-income residents avoid shutoffs.

For more information, contact your utility company.
United Illuminating: 800-722-5584
Southern CT Gas: 800-659-8299



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