

# 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

Buy plastic film to cover your windows. Also inspect door frames to make sure no drafts are coming into your home.



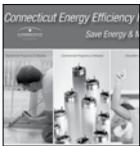
## CHECK YOUR FURNACE

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



## USE YOUR CEILING FANS

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.



## GET AN ENERGY AUDIT

Energize CT offers free home energy audits for qualified applicants. Visit [www.energizect.com/](http://www.energizect.com/) residents to learn more.

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# WINTER IS COMING

Dear Neighbor,

Winters in Connecticut are cold, and some families have difficulty covering high home heating bills. There is help out there! Several programs can help you keep costs lower and save energy.

For those who missed the deadline last year, Access Health CT - our state's health insurance marketplace - is open for enrollment now through February 15, 2015. Sign up by December 15<sup>th</sup> to be covered by the first of January.

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 DIRECTLY AT  
[WWW.CT.GOV/STAYWARM](http://WWW.CT.GOV/STAYWARM) OR CALL 211.

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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.

## 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 \$550 in winter heating assistance. If you live in a **non-vulnerable household** you may qualify for up to \$505 in winter heating assistance.

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

You may still be eligible for \$80-100, in winter heating assistance depending on the household's income and number of members.

TO APPLY FOR THESE PROGRAMS, SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OR 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 Energy Assistance Program you may also be eligible for Weatherization Assistance Program that will help conserve energy and lower your household heating bills. This program helps low-income persons minimize energy-related costs and fuel usage in their homes through retrofits and home improvement measures. Currently, the eligibility is set at 60% of state median income. 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.



# ACCESS HEALTH OPEN ENROLLMENT

The second open enrollment period for Connecticut's Health Care Insurance Exchange, Access Health CT, now underway.

## CAN ANYONE USE ACCESS HEALTH CT?

While not everyone will qualify for discounted coverage, almost anyone can use the health insurance marketplace to find and enroll in a plan. If you do not have health insurance in 2015, you may have to pay a fee when you file your tax returns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP,  
CONTACT MY OFFICE OR  
ACCESS HEALTH CT AT **1-855-805-4325**,  
OR [WWW.ACCESSHEALTHCT.COM](http://WWW.ACCESSHEALTHCT.COM)

## WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO ENROLL?

If you want your coverage to begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, you must purchase it by December 15<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase insurance after that but it will not take effect until February 1<sup>st</sup> at the earliest.



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