



The programs listed here are available to help Connecticut residents with their heating bills. Information is also included on conserving energy.

Have a safe winter!

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Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

Depending on circumstances, a household can qualify for up to \$880 in energy assistance for the winter months. This program is available for both homeowners and renters and is intended to pay for your primary heating bills.

CEAP also helps households with elderly or disabled residents pay for their heating costs.

Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP)

For those with household incomes too large to qualify for CEAP, the Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP) can help pay for energy bills. The maximum benefit for CHAP is up to \$580 in assistance.

Size of Household	CEAP <i>Income Limit</i> *	CHAP <i>Income Limit</i> **
1	under \$16,245	under \$30,485
2	under \$21,855	under \$39,865
3	under \$27,465	under \$49,245
4	under \$33,075	under \$58,625
5	under \$38,685	under \$68,005
6	under \$44,295	under \$77,385
7	under \$49,905	under \$79,144

* *Income allowances for homes with elderly or disabled residents are higher.*

** *Household Size – including homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat. At this level, renters are not eligible if heat is included in the rent.*

How To Apply

Middletown residents should contact:

Community Renewal Team, Inc | 860.347.4465
at extension 223 or 224

Ways to save this winter:

- » Buy Energy Star appliances, this can save you \$57 to \$74 per year in electrical costs. Call 1.888.782.7937 for a list of Energy Star appliances.
- » Do not block heating or cooling vents.
- » Check the refrigerator temperature, you are losing money if its lower than 37-40 degrees. The freezer should be between 0-5 degrees.
- » Washing and rinsing your clothes in cold water can save over \$50 a year.
- » If purchasing a new water heater, buy one that is no larger than required for your household needs. The water heater is the second largest energy user in the home.
- » Use water-temperature boosting features on your dishwasher.
- » Turn down your thermostat by five degrees, this will save about 2% on your heating bill
- » Use glass or ceramic pans in the oven as they heat faster than metal pans.

Operation Fuel

Operation Fuel provides assistance to families who may not qualify for other types of energy assistance. Households with incomes between 151% and 200% (\$33,075-\$44,100 for a family of four) of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible to apply. Local fuel banks will assess your eligibility and make payments to vendors. You must apply for state energy assistance first.

Call 211 for your local fuel bank location

Weatherization Assistance

Qualifying residents may receive up to \$6,500 for weatherizing their homes. Both homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for services, which includes better insulation and windows. Any household at or below 200% of the poverty level is eligible for this program. These services are free of charge to eligible homeowners and renters.

Call 1.800.842.1132

Energy Conservation Loan Program

The program provides low-interest loans of up to \$25,000 for the purchase and installation of energy conservation improvements. Eligible improvements include some types of heating systems, insulation, thermostats, solar systems, roofs, windows and doors. This program has income requirements which vary depending on the size of your family and the location of your home.

1.800.992.3665, ext. 2019 or 2023

Veterans' Energy Assistance

The Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines Fund provides emergency help for some veterans, including help with energy and utility bills.

Call 1.800.491.4941