

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.



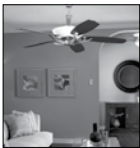
WINTERIZE YOUR WINDOWS & DOORS

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



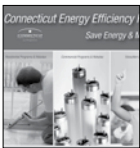
CHECK YOUR FURNACE

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.



GET AN ENERGY AUDIT

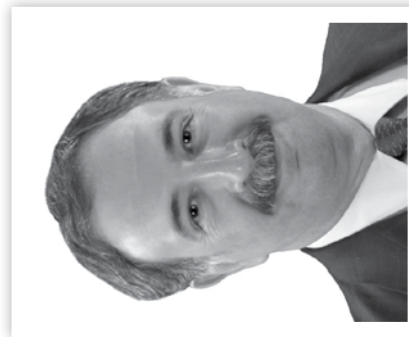
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HELP WITH HEATING COSTS

Dear Neighbor,

Energy costs are top of mind for many of us, thanks to CL&P's recent rate increase. As the winter heating season is upon us, we're thankful that oil and gas prices have moderated somewhat, but we're also watching natural gas prices now that more and more residences and businesses are shifting to this energy source. Connecticut's limited pipeline capacity means that natural gas prices may spike again in the coming year, affecting both heating and electricity costs. It may take a while before Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy Strategy can bring prices down again.

So, what can we do? Hoping for a mild winter is probably not enough! This mailer gives you some great tips on ways to save energy, which are not only good economics but good for the environment. Furthermore, we do have several assistance programs, if paying to keep your home warm should become an issue. Feel free to contact me with questions or for additional help.

Sincerely,

**FOR MORE HELP PLEASE
CONTACT MY OFFICE OR DSS @
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.

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 up to \$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 the 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.



OPERATION FUEL

A network of fuel banks that helps families and small businesses, Operation Fuel is committed to 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



AVOID SHUT OFFS

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

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