



ENERGY SAVING TIPS

TURN DOWN YOUR THERMOSTAT

Find a comfortable temperature and keep the thermostat 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 better.

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 United Illuminating 800-722-5584 or Southern Connecticut Gas Company 800-659-8299 for more information.

GET AN ENERGY AUDIT

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

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HELP WITH HEATING COSTS

Dear Neighbor,

Winters in Connecticut are cold and some families have a hard time paying for heat. There is help out there. Certain programs can help lower costs and save energy. Questions? Call me at 860-240-8585. We want to help you make it through the winter months.

Sincerely,

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



HEATING HELP

Are you struggling? Know your rights. You can't get your heat shut off in winter. Landlords are required to keep all heating, plumbing, electricity and appliances on. You or your landlord may be responsible for water, depending on your contract. Heating must be kept at 65 degrees or above all winter.

READ MORE ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS:

In Spanish: ctlawhelp.org/es/derechos-de-los-inquilinos-informacion-general

In English: ctlawhelp.org/en/tenants-renters-rights-laws

If you have a utility shut off, contact your landlord by phone and in writing. If your utilities are not turned back on, contact the New Haven Health Department at (203) 946-6999 or Housing Code Office, and the police department.

WHO CAN HELP

Connecticut has heating help for people who use natural gas, electricity, oil, propane, coal, wood and wood pellets. To avoid a winter shut-off, most gas and electric utility companies offer a Winter Protection Program to low-income residents who are late paying their heating bills. For help, call United Illuminating 800-722-5584 / Southern CT Gas Co. customers 800-659-8299.

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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, are disabled, or are under age 6) then you may qualify for up to \$725 in winter heating help. If you live in a non-vulnerable household you may qualify for up to \$670 in winter heating help.

ARE YOUR HEATING COSTS INCLUDED IN YOUR MONTHLY RENT?

You may be eligible for between \$150 to \$190 in winter heating help depending on your household's income and number of members.

More about renting rights and responsibilities is here:
www.jud.ct.gov/Publications/hm031.pdf



OPERATION FUEL

Operation Fuel helps families who may have no other way to pay energy costs. It is income-based, and they help anyone with an energy shortage. To apply for help, go to www.OperationFuel.org or call 2-1-1.

Veterans who served during specific periods and their families may be selected for emergency help that may include utility or energy bills. For more information, call the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund at (844) 454-8900.

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AND APPLY, CALL
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF NEW HAVEN, INC.
(203) 387-7700**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:
WWW.CT.GOV/STAYWARM**



Learn about local events, happenings at the Capitol and updates on heating assistance, renters rebates and other helpful programs by signing up for email updates at: www.housedems.ct.gov/Walker