

How NJ Can Help: Other Programs

NEW JERSEY SHARES (NJ SHARES)

NJ SHARES provides assistance to households in need of temporary help paying their energy bills due to a financial crisis. Applicants must have a history of good-faith payments with their energy company and not be eligible for LIHEAP, USF or TRUE. Call 866-657-4273 or go to www.njshares.org for more information.

WINTER TERMINATION PROGRAM (WTP)

WTP protects residential customers from disconnection of natural gas and electric service from November 15th - March 15th if they participate in: USF, LIHEAP, Lifeline Utility Assistance Program, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Also, persons unable to pay their utility bills because of circumstances beyond their control may request the protection of WTP. Customers should make every effort to pay as much of their bill as possible during the WTP period to avoid a large overdue balance at the end of the WTP.

How do I enroll in WTP?

You must call your utility company and request protection under the WTP and explain why you need this protection. For more information about the WTP, or if you have a complaint about your utility company, please call the Board of Public Utilities at: 1-800-624-0241. You can also view the Utility Customer's Bill of Rights at the website: www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/

How NJ Can Help: Have your Home Weatherized for Free!

What is Weatherization?

Weatherization is the installation of home energy efficiency measures to help reduce energy bills. Depending on the energy needs of the home, weatherization may include: insulation upgrades, heating/cooling equipment maintenance and appliance replacement.

Eligible participants are provided with:

1) A free "home energy audit" to see how energy efficient a home is and how much money can be saved on energy bills through weatherization; and 2) Installation of recommended free energy efficiency measures.

There are two free Weatherization programs in New Jersey:

COMFORT PARTNERS: Sponsored by the Board of Public Utilities' Office of Clean Energy. Call 888-773-8326 for an application and eligibility requirements, or go to: www.njcleanenergy.com and click on "Residential" (electric and gas heat only).

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM: Sponsored by the Department of Community Affairs. Households that apply for USF or LIHEAP can check the box on the application to request weatherization. Visit our website at: www.energyassistance.nj.gov (click on "energy assistance programs") or call 800-510-3102 for more information.



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR HOME ENERGY BILLS?



*The State of
New Jersey
offers
assistance
programs
that can help!*

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP or HEA is a federally funded program that helps low-income households pay for heating costs (includes: electric, natural gas, oil and other deliverable fuels). Even if your heat is included in your rent, you may qualify. LIHEAP grants are also available for medically necessary cooling costs. Applications are accepted from October 1 through April 30. (See chart on next page for income limits). LIHEAP is administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)

USF is a program created by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to help low-income households pay for their electric and natural gas costs. To be eligible for USF, your household must: 1) Be income eligible (see chart on next page) and 2) spend more than three percent of household income on gas and/or electricity; (or spend more than six percent of household income on electric heating). Apply any time of the year. USF is administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY Monthly Pre-tax Income Limits 10/1/2012 - 9/30/2013

Household Size	USF Program	LIHEAP Program
1	\$1,629	\$1,862
2	\$2,207	\$2,522
3	\$2,784	\$3,182
4	\$3,362	\$3,842
5	\$3,939	\$4,502
6	\$4,517	\$5,162
7	\$5,094	\$5,822
8	\$5,672	\$6,482
9	\$6,249	\$7,142
10	\$6,827	\$7,384
11	\$7,404	\$7,538
12	\$7,982	\$7,692
If more than 12 add:	\$ 578 for each person	\$ 154 for each person

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LIFELINE PROGRAM

The Lifeline Utility Assistance Program is for eligible low-income senior citizens and the disabled. Lifeline benefits help eligible homeowners and renters with electric and natural gas costs. You may apply for Lifeline by filling out the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) application. Call: 1-800-792-9745 for more information or go to the website: www.nj.gov/health/ and click on "Senior Benefits". Lifeline is administered by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR UTILITY EXPENSES (TRUE) PROGRAM

TRUE was designed to help low to moderate income households pay their natural gas and electric bills. TRUE provides benefits to income eligible households who have not received USF or HEA in the past 12 months, have a notice of overdue payment for gas or electric service, and have a good payment history on utility bills. Apply online at: www.ahanjtrue.com or call 732-982-8710. The TRUE program is funded by the Board of Public Utilities and is administered by the Affordable Housing Alliance.

For USF/LIHEAP applications, a list of county agencies that accept USF/LIHEAP applications and more information, go to the website: www.energyassistance.nj.gov (Click on "energy assistance programs") or call toll free: 1-866-240-1347 (USF) call toll free: 1-800-510-3102 (LIHEAP)

