

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new State Representative. It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you at the State Capitol, and I am looking forward to working diligently over the upcoming months to make positive changes for our district and the state as a whole.

As your representative in the Connecticut General Assembly, it is my duty to keep you informed of items of importance occurring in the legislature, and I will make every effort to ensure that you are kept up-to-date on the issues.

Now that the cold weather is upon us, I want to be sure you are aware of this winter's income guidelines for receiving energy assistance.

Homeowners and renters may be eligible depending on income, available assets, and for renters, the cost of rent.



I have included information on the available programs, but if you find that you need additional assistance, call Infoline at 2-1-1 for more information.

Please feel free to visit me in person at the Legislative Office Building, or contact me by e-mail at bryan.hurlburt@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 1-800-842-8267.

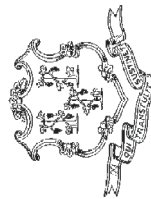
Sincerely,



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State Representative

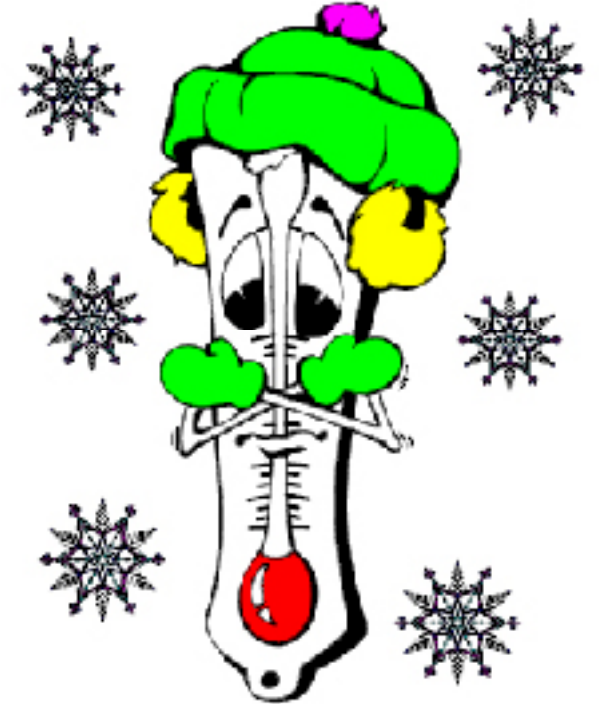
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Home Heating Assistance Winter 2006-2007

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Energy Assistance Income Guidelines

Energy assistance helps to pay for heating bills only. The gross income (no deductions) for everyone in the household counts. There are two sets of income guidelines to qualify, one for households that pay their own heating bills, and one for households with heating expenses included in their rent.

You must apply for energy assistance by May 1, 2007. Apply early because program funds could run out.

Residents of:	Apply at:
Ashford	ACCESS agency, Willimantic 450-7423
Tolland	Tolland Human Services 871-3648
Willington	Willington Social Services 487-3118

Matching payment programs are available to customers who are eligible for energy assistance for their heating bills with CL&P or Yankee Gas. To participate, customers must set up a budget program with their utility company. All energy assistance and customers' payments are matched by the utility companies. CL&P also has a program called **NU Start** for customers not eligible for energy assistance for their electric bills.

To see if you qualify for a service offered through your utility company, call:

1-800-286-2828 or 860-947-2828 for CL&P
1-800-438-2278 for Yankee Gas

Households that pay their own heating bills:

Apply for benefits if your household income is less than the following:

# of People in Household	Monthly Income
1	\$2,322
2	\$3,037
3	\$3,751
4	\$4,466
5	\$5,181
6	\$5,895



These guidelines are for the Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP).

Households that have heat expenses included in their rent:

Apply for benefits if your household income is less than the following:

# of People in Household	Monthly Income
1	\$1,225
2	\$1,650
3	\$2,075
4	\$2,500
5	\$2,925
6	\$3,350

These guidelines are for the CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). Rent must be greater than 30% of your household income.

Emergency furnace repair or replacement for homeowners

- Energy assistance recipients should call ACCESS Agency at 450-7423 before May 1st. (Income limits are the same as those listed above for households with heat included in rent.)
- Dept. of Social Services cash assistance recipients can contact their workers for help with broken furnaces.

Protection from utility shutoffs

Yankee Gas heat customers and CL&P customers may apply for "hardship" protection with each company to protect against utility shutoff between Nov. 1 and April 15. The companies cannot cut off service to protected customers, even if they have outstanding bills.

Fuel banks offer additional assistance. Ashford residents apply at Windham Area Interfaith Ministry in Willimantic (456-7270). Tolland Residents apply at Tolland Human Services (871-3648). Willington residents apply at Willington Social Services (487-3118). **Veterans** may qualify for emergency assistance. Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-491-4941.

Utility conservation assistance programs are available for electric customers regardless of income through the CT Energy Efficiency Fund. Visit www.ctsavesenergy.org for more information.

Energy conservation low-interest loans to help pay for home improvements that increase energy efficiency are available through the CT Housing Investment Fund (CHIF). Call 1-800-992-3665.

WRAP is a weatherization program offered to both CL&P and Yankee Gas customers to help reduce their energy bills. Call 1-800-388-9727 for more information.

If you have problems with CL&P or Yankee Gas that you are unable to resolve with the company directly, you can contact the Dept. of Public Utility Control (1-800-382-4586) or the Office of Consumer Counsel (860-827-2900).