



We at the state legislature worked hard this year to protect Connecticut's energy efficiency and clean energy funds. In January, the Governor proposed cuts of more than \$25 million, which would have eliminated jobs in the state's clean energy industry and hurt families' efforts to reduce their energy bills. In addition, protecting our award winning energy programs will allow Connecticut to qualify for nearly \$40 million dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (i.e. the Stimulus).

I hope you find the information about these funds and other energy programs helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning these programs or any other issue.

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REWARDING ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES *Programs available to you*

Did you know?

- » Reduce your electric bill by 2% by raising the temperature of your air conditioner by 2 degrees this summer
- » Microwave ovens draw less than half the power of conventional electric ovens
- » Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) use ¼ the energy of a regular bulb
- » Wrapping your water heater in an insulating blanket can save \$2 a month
- » Doing two dryer loads in a row is the best way to use the generated heat

The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) promotes, develops and invests in clean energy sources for the benefit of rate payers. It has already generated over 3,000 jobs and is returning \$4 on every dollar invested. The fund took 203,000 tons of carbon dioxide out of our air in 2008 – the equivalent of taking 44,000 cars off the road.

Solar Panels

You may lease solar panels for your home or business. Any household at or below 200% of area's median income is eligible to take advantage of this program – in Waterford and Montville, that would be \$154,800 for a family of four.

www.ctcleanenergy.com | 860.563.0015

Energy Conservation Loan Program (ECL)

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 on the size of your household. For example, a family of four in Waterford and Montville, with a yearly income of \$172,800 or less would be eligible.

www.chif.org | 800.992.3665 ext. 2019 or 2023

Home Energy Audit

Connecticut's energy efficiency fund supports the Home Energy Solutions Program, a home energy testing program. A trained technician will come to your home, evaluate its energy performance and apply energy saving measures during the process. This program is open to anyone in Waterford who heats their home with electricity, natural gas, oil, propane or kerosene. CL&P administers the program in our towns. There is a \$75 fee for all customers for a limited time.

Waterford | www.cl-p.com or 877.WISE.USE

Competitive Resources, Inc. (CRI) performs these FREE residential energy use evaluations and installs the energy saving measures. Evaluations are performed on a first-come, first-served basis, so interested customers are urged to call as soon as possible. The test may include finding and sealing air leaks; installing up to 25 compact fluorescent lights; providing water conservation devices and more.

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