

How NJ Can Help: Other Programs

NEW JERSEY SHARES (NJ SHARES)

NJ SHARES is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to income-eligible New Jersey households for paying their energy, telephone, broadband (internet), and water bills. Apply online at www.njshares.org or call 866-657-4273 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?

Call your utility company to request WTP protection. For more information, or if you have a complaint about your utility company, 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.

Eligible participants are provided with:

- 1) A free home energy audit to see how much money can be saved on energy bills through weatherization.
- 2) Installation of recommended free energy efficiency measures, which may include energy efficient appliance replacement at no cost.

New Jersey offers two free Weatherization programs:

COMFORT PARTNERS: Comfort Partners is an energy saving and education program that directly installs energy savings measures FREE of charge for qualified low-income customers. Call 1-800-915-8309 or go to: www.njcleanenergy.com/CP (electric or gas heat only).

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WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

This Department of Community Affairs program assists qualified, low-income households in weatherizing their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. Households that apply for USF or LIHEAP can check a box on that application to request weatherization. For more information go to:

www.energyassistance.nj.gov



Do You Need Help With Your Home Energy Bills?



**The State of New Jersey
Offers Assistance Programs
That Can Help**



How NJ Can Help: Energy Assistance Programs

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 June 30 each year. (See chart on next page for income limits).

Administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)

USF is a program that helps 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.

Administered by the Department of Community Affairs and made possible by the Board of Public Utilities.

To apply for USF and LIHEAP online, to print an application, or to find an application agency in your county, visit www.EnergyAssistance.nj.gov or call **800-510-3102**.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Monthly Pre-tax Income Limits
10/01/2020 - 9/30/2021

Household Size	USF Program	LIHEAP Program
1	\$1,967	\$2,127
2	\$2,658	\$2,873
3	\$3,349	\$3,620
4	\$4,039	\$4,367
5	\$4,730	\$5,113
6	\$5,421	\$5,860
7	\$6,111	\$6,607
8	\$6,802	\$7,353
9	\$7,493	\$8,100
10	\$8,183	\$8,847
11	\$8,874	\$9,072
12	\$9,565	\$9,257
If more than 12 add:	\$691 for each person	\$185 for each person

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2021

First Person	Each Additional Person
\$12,760	\$4,480

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. Apply online with the NJSave application at:

www.aging.nj.gov or call **1-800-792-9745**.

Administered by the NJ Department of Human Services.

PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR GAS AND ELECTRIC (PAGE)

PAGE grants help gas and electric customers prevent disconnection of service or restore service. To apply online or review eligibility requirements, visit: www.njpoweron.org or call **732-982-8710**.

Administered by the Affordable Housing Alliance.

NJ 2-1-1

Dial 2-1-1 any day, any time for confidential referrals to local health and human service assistance services or search NJ 2-1-1's on-line database at: www.nj211.org.

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NOT SURE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE?

Self-screen for USF, LIHEAP, and other assistance programs by visiting:

www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid or calling 2-1-1.

