



HEATING ASSISTANCE

RESOURCES FOR COLD WEATHER HEATING ASSISTANCE

LIHEAP: LOW INCOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LIHEAP pays heating & cooling bills, and some energy-related home repairs. Once enrolled in LIHEAP, direct payments are made on the LIHEAP customer's behalf.

Do you qualify for LIHEAP?

Household Size	Yearly Income	1 Month Income
1	\$28,533	\$2,378
2	\$37,312	\$3,109
3	\$46,082	\$3,841
4	\$54,871	\$4,573
5+	<i>Contact the CAP agency for additional levels</i>	
Households that meet income guidelines qualify. No citizenship or immigrant requirements.		

Got LIHEAP? Get WAP!

LIHEAP clients also qualify for WAP: Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP will help you save money and stay warmer all year round.

WAP Benefits can include:

- Insulate walls, attic and basement
- Wrap pipes, weather stripping around doors, caulk and seal windows
- Check for proper ventilation
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check for gas leaks
- Evaluate the heating system
- Refer you for the AMP (Appliance Management Program) which provides energy education and **even new appliances such as a fridge.**

APPLY TODAY!

To apply for LIHEAP (and WAP), please contact your local CAP agency to set up an appointment. Did you receive LIHEAP last year? Watch the mail for this year's application. Fill it out, include any requested documents, and mail it back to your local CAP.

Blackstone Valley Community Action

Districts: Woonsocket, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Lincoln, Cumberland, Central Falls

32 Goff Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: (401) 723-4520

LIHEAP: (401) 723-0227

WAP: (401) 723-4520

Website: www.bvcap.org

Comprehensive Community Action Programs (CCAP)

Districts: Cranston, Scituate, Foster

311 Doric Avenue Cranston, RI 02910

Phone: (401) 467-9610

LIHEAP: (401) 467-7013

WAP: (401) 467-9610

Website: www.comcap.org

East Bay Heating Assistance / East Bay Community Action Program

Districts: Bristol, East Providence, Jamestown, Little Compton, Barrington, Newport,

Portsmouth, Tiverton, Warren, Middletown

100 Bullocks Point Ave, Riverside, RI 02915

Phone: (401) 437-0006

LIHEAP: (401) 437-5102

WAP: (401) 437-0006

Website: www.ebcap.org

Tri-Town Community Action

Districts: Smithfield, Burrillville, Glocester, North Providence, Johnston

33 Maple St., North Providence, RI

Phone: (401) 351-2750

LIHEAP: (401) 519-1913

Website: www.tri-town.org

Community Action Partnership of Providence (CAPP)

Districts: Providence

518 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI 02909

Phone/LIHEAP: (401) 273-2000

Web site: www.cappri.org

South County Community Action

Districts: Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown, Westerly, Exeter, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, Charlestown, New Shoreham, Richmond

1935 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Phone: (401) 789-3016

LIHEAP: (401) 789-3016 ext. 2337

WAP: (401) 789-3016 ext. 2300

Website: www.sccainc.org

Westbay Heating Assistance / Westbay Community Action

Districts: Warwick, Coventry, West Warwick, East Greenwich

205 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886

Admin: 218 Buttonwoods Ave

Phone: (401) 732-4666

LIHEAP: (401) 732-4660 exts. 104, 127, or 109

Website: www.westbaycap.org

Have SNAP?

You can get a lower rate on
your electric bill!



Call National Grid: 1-800-322-3223

*You will need to send a copy of your
SNAP verification letter.*

ADDITIONAL HEATING RESOURCES

If individuals or families do not qualify for the assistance programs listed above, other forms of assistance may be available.

- **CONTACT 2-1-1:** dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ri.org and search “heating assistance.
- **The Good Neighbor Energy Fund** offers one-time grants for heating assistance to Low-Income Families that do not qualify for LIHEAP. To contact the nearest office **call 2-1-1** or visit www.rigoodneighbor.com.
- **Keep the Heat On!** Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Providence. Helps heat the homes of those who have exhausted all other resources for assistance with their heating bills. Call (401) 421-7833 or visit www.heatri.com/contact/
- **Avoid Utility Shut-Off:** The George Wiley Center advocates for utility assistance, including the Henry Shelton Act which assists clients in serious arrears. Contact (401) 728-5555 or visit www.georgewileycenter.org
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society:** Many local St. Vincent DePaul Societies can help with energy & heating assistance. Visit www.svdpri.org.

Other Options

Even if you don't qualify for assistance, you may be able to reduce your heating costs.

- **Oil Co-op:** Oil co-ops like People's Power & Light [www.ripower.org] can save their members money.
- **Budget Payment Plan:** Check with your natural gas company, your electrical company or your fuel dealer to ask if payment plans are available to spread your heating bills over the year.

For more information: <http://www.energy.ri.gov/lowincome/otherenergy.php>

GREAT RESOURCE for “Do –It-Yourself”

Energy Savers – Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home: www.energysavers.gov/

Download complete book: http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/energy_savers.pdf.

SAVE ENERGY AT HOME

An energy efficient home reduces utility costs, prevents energy waste and reduces the environmental impact of a household. Let's find out where the energy is utilized and lost in the average American home.

COOLING

- Close your exterior doors and windows tightly when the AC is on
- Change or clean your AC's air filters
- Set your thermostat fan switch to "auto" to save energy
- Block the sun from overheating your home
- Insulate your walls with injected foam insulation
- Give your AC a tune-up regularly
- Repair leaky ducts
- Install attic insulation
- Check for household leaks
- Close unused air vents
- Install a programmable thermostat

HEATING

- Cover all bare floors
- Raise the temperature slowly
- Close the flue in your fireplace
- Limit use of portable heaters
- Keep your thermostat close to the outside temperature
- Don't block air vents
- Get an energy-efficient heat pump
- Change the filters in your heating system
- Give your air compressor space to work efficiently
- Heat your home with the sun's help
- Lower your thermostat every time you leave the house

LIGHTING

- Buy energy efficient light bulbs
- Replace standard bulbs with CFLs
- Use the right bulb
- Use motion-detector lights
- Consider using timers to turn lights on and off
- Choose outdoor CFLs for outdoor lighting
- Select light-colored or opaque lamp shades

WATER HEATING

- Check your hot water pipes for leaks
- Install aerating, low-flow faucets and showerheads
- Turn off your water heater in vacation
- Insulate the first six feet of the hot and cold water pipes
- Install a solar water heater
- Get an insulation wrap
- Make sure you are washing a full load if you like using hot water for your laundry
- Stop that dripping hot water faucet
- Install a timer for your water heater
- Choose the right water heater

HOW ENERGY IS LOST IN HOMES

- Improperly set water heaters, refrigeration and freezers
- Non-programmable thermostats
- Incandescent light bulbs
- Old heating and A/C units
- Inefficient windows and doors
- Attics



APPLIANCES

- Use microwaves and toaster ovens
- Set your refrigerator temperature between 30 and 42°F
- Repair refrigerator door seals
- Replace old refrigerator
- Clean coils behind the refrigerator
- Keep your freezer full
- Choose energy-efficient appliances
- Wash and dry several loads at once
- Avoid over-drying your clothes
- Vent your dryer to the outside to reduce load of A/C
- Turn off your dishwasher after the wash cycle
- Keep the oven door closed
- Grill out more often during the summer
- Use copper-bottomed pots and pans for cooking
- Keep stove reflector pans clean
- Match your pot size to the burner on your stove
- Turn off kitchen and bath fans after use

Energy used in American homes



Air Conditioning



Wet Cleaning



Cooking



Computers and Electronics



Space cooling



Water heating



Space heating



Lighting



Refrigeration