



## How NJ Can Help: Other Programs

## How NJ Can Help: Have Your Home Weatherized for Free!

## Do You Need Help With Your Home Energy Bills?



**New Jersey Now Offers  
Expanded Assistance  
Programs That Can Help!**

### 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](http://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: USE, 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, contact the Board of Public Utilities at 800-624-0241 or at [www.nj.gov/bpu](http://www.nj.gov/bpu). Read the Utility Customer's Bill of Rights at: [www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/)

### 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 programs:

**COMFORT PARTNERS:** Comfort Partners is an energy saving and education program that directly installs energy savings measures FREE of charge for income-eligible customers. Go to: [www.njcleanenergy.com/CP](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/CP) or call 800-915-8309 for more information (electric or gas heat only). Sponsored by the NJ Board of Public Utilities' New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™.

### 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 USE or LIHEAP can check a box on that application to request weatherization.

For more information go to: [www.energyassistance.nj.gov](http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov)





## Don't Delay! Apply for Utility Assistance Today!

### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP or HEA is a federally funded program that helps low-moderate income households pay for heating costs (all fuel types). 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 NJ Department of Community Affairs.*

### UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)

USF provides monthly credits on residential electric and natural gas bills as well as forgiveness of overdue balances through the USF-Fresh Start program. Monthly USF credit amounts are based on energy costs in relation to income. More information available at: [www.energyassistance.nj.gov](http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov).

*USF is administered by the NJ Department of Community Affairs and is made possible by the NJ Board of Public Utilities.*

Apply for USF and LIHEAP online at [www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid) or call 800-510-3102 to have an application mailed to you or to find an application agency near you.

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Monthly Pre-tax Income Limits  
10/01/2021 - 9/30/2022

Household Size	USF Program	LIHEAP Program
1	\$4,293	\$3,348
2	\$5,807	\$4,379
3	\$7,320	\$5,409
4	\$8,833	\$6,439
5	\$10,347	\$7,470
6	\$11,860	\$8,500
7	\$13,373	\$8,693
8	\$14,887	\$8,886
9	\$16,400	\$9,080
10	\$17,913	\$9,273
11	\$19,427	\$9,466
12	\$20,940	\$9,659
If more than 12 add:	\$1,513 for each person	\$193 for each person

### Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2022

First Person	Each Additional Person
\$12,880	\$4,540

### 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](http://www.aging.nj.gov) or call 1-800-792-9745. *Administered by the NJ Department of Human Services and made possible by the NJ Board of Public Utilities.*

### PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR GAS & ELECTRIC (PAGE)

PAGE grants help gas and electric customers prevent disconnection of service or restore service. If income eligible for USF or LIHEAP, apply for those programs first before seeking additional assistance through PAGE. To apply online or review eligibility requirements, visit [www.njpoweron.org](http://www.njpoweron.org) or call 732-982-8710 to have an application mailed to you or find a local application agency. *Administered by the Affordable Housing Alliance and made possible by the NJ Department of Treasury and the NJ Board of Public Utilities.*

### NJ 2-1-1

Dial 2-1-1 any day, any time for confidential referrals to local health and human service assistance or search NJ 2-1-1's on-line database at: [www.nj211.org](http://www.nj211.org). *Funded by the United Ways of NJ in partnership with the State of New Jersey.*

