

# **Assemblymember Didi Barrett: Helping you save money**

“As winter rolls in and temperatures drop, saving money on heating costs becomes more important. Several programs are available to help seniors save money and keep the heat on this winter.”

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## Programs to help with expensive winter costs

### HEAP & Emergency HEAP

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat their homes. Applications are currently open. Emergency HEAP benefits are also available if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. For information about HEAP and emergency heating services, visit [otda.ny.gov/programs/heap](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap) or contact the Columbia County Department of Social Services at **518-828-9411** or the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services at **845-486-3249**.

### EmPower+

EmPower+ helps low- to moderate-income households save energy and money toward energy improvements made to their property. Renters and homeowners can be eligible for the program. Visit [nysenda.ny.gov/All-Programs/EmPower-New-York-Program](https://nysenda.ny.gov/All-Programs/EmPower-New-York-Program) for more information.

### STAR

The School Tax Relief (STAR) program offers property tax relief to eligible New York homeowners. STAR benefits may be used to pay school taxes. Enhanced STAR provides an increased benefit to those eligible who are 65 or older. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov/star](https://www.tax.ny.gov/star) for more information.

Questions? Concerns? I'm here to help!

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