





Dear Neighbor,

The high cost of heating one's home can make winter a difficult time of the year for New Yorkers, especially for seniors on a fixed income. That's why I encourage everyone to take advantage of the various energy assistance and weatherization programs available to help you save money during winter months.

These programs are simple ways to ease the financial burden of heating costs, as well as protect our environment by lowering energy consumption and cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions. Inside, you can find information on the many energy saving programs available to help you this winter.

If you have any questions about these programs or any other matter, I'm here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Your Friend,

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Representing areas of Montgomery & Schenectady Counties

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP/HEAP)

HEAP assists income-eligible families and individuals with heating costs. Renters and homeowners are eligible for assistance. The 2024-25 HEAP gross monthly income limit for a household of four is \$6,390 per month. For eligibility requirements or to apply, visit www.otda.ny.gov/programs/apply/#heap or call the HEAP hotline at 800-342-3009. You can also contact your local county department of social services or office for the aging.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

New York State can help you reduce the amount of energy required to heat your home and water by providing energy audits and services to weatherize your home. For more information, call 518-474-5700 or visit www.nyshcr.org/ programs/weatherizationassistance.

Net Metering

If you use renewable energy systems such as solar, wind or farm waste electric generators, you may be eligible for net metering. Net metering customers receive credit for the energy they produce, which is then applied against their monthly electric bill. For more information, check with your local utility or the NYS Public Service Commission.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

NYSERDA is a national leader in developing energy efficiency programs to help consumers reduce costs and protect the environment. Programs include:

- Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY) offers free energy assessments to recommend energy savings options to homeowners, small businesses and nonprofits
- Home Performance with ENERGY STAR offers financial incentives to help homeowners afford upgrades
- EmPower New York offers free efficiency upgrades to incomeeligible households

For more information on these programs, as well as other available programs, visit www.nyserda.ny.gov or call 866-NYSERDA (866-697-3732).

Helpful Contacts

Montgomery County Department of Social Services

1 Venner Road Amsterdam, NY 12010 (518) 212-5778

Montgomery County Aging Office

135 Guy Park Ave, Amsterdam, NY 12010 (518) 843-2300

National Grid

1-800-642-4272 Hearing- and speech-impaired customers dial 711

> New York State Electric & Gas

1-800-572-1111

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Questions or concerns? Call me, send me an email – I'm here to help.

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