

From the House

No One Should Be Cold This Winter

Temperatures are already starting to dip below freezing. If you, or someone close to you, needs help paying your winter heating bills, help is available. Connecticut funds a home heating assistance program and there is also the nonprofit Operation Fuel.

There are hundreds-of-thousands of Connecticut individuals and families that can't afford to pay their winter energy bills.

Operation Fuel

[Operation Fuel](#) is a private, nonprofit program that provides emergency energy assistance year-round through its statewide network of fuel banks.

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The [Connecticut Energy Assistance Program](#) (CEAP) is a cash assistance program designed to help offset the winter heating costs for households that struggle to pay their heating bills. The program covers your primary heating source whether its oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood or wood pellets.

CEAP is open to homeowners and renters. If your heat is included in your rent, financial assistance is still available.

Keep in mind, if you are eligible for the winter heating program, you may also be eligible to receive weatherization assistance. Insulation and weather-stripping can tighten-up an old, drafty house – conserving energy and lowering heating bills.

In Hartford, the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is operated by the [Community Renewal Team](#) (CRT). You can reach them at (860) 560-5800. You can also contact the state's Infoline at 2-1-1 for more information on CEAP or Operation Fuel. ~~SEP~~