

Looking for Help with Heat and Utility Bills?



1) NYSEG's Project Shared Heating Fund Program

You may be eligible if you:

- have a NYSEG electricity or natural gas account in your name and it is your primary residence.
- have general yearly household gross income (before taxes) of no more than:

| Household Size | Maximum Gross Monthly Income |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | \$2,318 |
| 2 | \$3,031 |
| 3 | \$3,744 |
| 4 | \$4,457 |
| 5 | \$5,170 |
| 6 | \$5,883 |
| 7 | \$6,017 |
| 8 | \$6,150 |
| 9 | \$6,284 |
| 10 | \$6,418 |
| 11 | \$6,733 |
| Each additional | Add \$523 |

- have categorical HEAP eligibility (one member receives public assistance, food stamps or Code A SSI benefits).

For more information, call (800) 599-4327 or visit www.nyseg.com then Search "Project Share Heating Fund."

2) Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

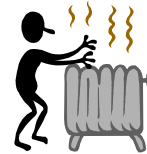
HEAP is an income-based supplement for home energy costs. Applications are accepted starting in November.

You may be eligible for HEAP if you:

- are a U.S. citizen
- receive public assistance, food stamps or Code A SSI benefits
- Have yearly household income at or below the income Guidelines (outlined in the Column 1).

To apply online for HEAP, visit www.ny.gov/services/apply-heap or in-person at the

Dutchess Co. Dept. of Social Services
At (845) 486-3249.



If you are age 60 or above and would like assistance with applying for HEAP, contact the *Dutchess Co. Office for Aging* at (845) 486-2553.

Starting in November, you can also download a HEAP application at <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

To learn more about your eligibility, visit <https://www.mybenefits.ny.gov/>

3) Emergency HEAP

Emergency HEAP helps individuals and families facing a heat emergency (shut off, running out of fuel) and who are without resources to meet their needs.

You may be eligible if you:

- have received a shut-off notice
- are out of fuel or the heating equipment is inoperable
- the energy bill is in your name
- household income is at or below guidelines (refer to Column 1)
- you don't have enough money to pay the heating bill.

Benefits vary and are based on household size and the type of heating source.

4) Weatherization

Weatherization services help increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs. Services may include home energy audits, weather-stripping, insulation, replacement and repair of broken windows and heating systems (and more). To learn more, contact DC CAP at (845) 452-5104 or visit

http://www.dutchesscap.org/programs_and_services/energy-conservation-programs/weatherization.html

If you are age 60 or above and need help applying for Weatherization, contact the DC Office for Aging at (845) 486-2555.



Need Help with Food?

It's important to eat well to stay healthy. The following programs are there to help:

1) Local Food Pantries:

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at the *Hope Chest Thrift Shop*
7 Market St. Dover Plains, NY 12522
Call 877-9076 for distribution times

Vine and Branches (monthly) Food Pantry
Immaculate Conception Church
Amenia, NY
Please call (845) 373-8193 for information.

Food of Life (Comida de Vida) Food Pantry

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Amenia, NY
Please call (845) 373-9161 for information.
Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m.

2) Food Stamps or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Food stamps are distributed through an EBT card (like a debit card) and useable at local grocery stores.

To learn about eligibility, please visit <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/>

3) Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Dutchess County Eat Smart New York Program

If you are a senior citizen, an individual with special dietary needs or you receive food stamps, you may be eligible for nutrition information lessons taught by CCE nutrition educators.

To learn more the DC CCE Eat Smart NY Program, call (845) 677-8223.



Looking for Help with Prescription Costs?

Prescription Assistance for Eastern Dutchess County residents

Service includes help with co-payments, Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) enrollment fees or drug manufacturer's assistance up to \$250 per month per person (based on income eligibility). Program funded in part by the Foundation for Community Health.

To enroll, contact Dover office of DC CAP at (845) 877-9272.

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