

Utility Assistance Still Available



The deadline to apply for utility assistance through LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) has been extended to May 31.

As the Home Energy Assistance Hotline for the State of New Jersey, NJ 2-1-1 is the place to call if you are struggling to pay your gas, oil or electric heating bills.

This assistance is available to eligible residents regardless of whether they rent or own their home. Emergency assistance is also available through May 31 for those who have already been approved for LIHEAP benefits AND have received a shut-off notice.

Callers to NJ 2-1-1 can check on the status of their application, receive information on the location of their application agency and a list of documents that must be submitted with their application.

Required documentation includes a copy of the rental lease/property tax bill (if you own your home); utility bill; proof of income for anyone in your home above the age of 18; social security card for everyone in the household and a driver's license or state issued picture ID.

Information about these and other programs is available on the [utility assistance pages](#) of our website. Here you will find the LIHEAP/USF application; all of the eligibility requirements for these programs and others; a listing of application agencies; and more.

USF (Universal Service Fund) is open all year round. For a brief synopsis of these programs, read our [Utility Assistance at a Glance](#) sheet.