



Utility Payment Assistance Programs



APPLY FOR A UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY JUNE 14, 2022

APPLY FOR NEW JERSEY'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TODAY!

American Rescue Plan-Utility Relief Program (ARP) provides forgiveness of overdue energy balances while funds last. Self-screen for eligibility or apply online at: www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid or call 844-930-1778.

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides forgiveness of overdue water and sewer bills while funds last. Self-screen for eligibility or apply at: www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid or call 800-510-3102.

Universal Service Fund (USF) provides monthly credits of up to \$180 per month for household natural gas and electric bills. USF also offers forgiveness of overdue utility balances through the **USF-Fresh Start Program**. Through Fresh Start, for each month a USF customer pays their current monthly charges in full, 1/12 of the balance owed at time of enrollment is forgiven. Apply for USF with the HEAP application (see below).

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides grants for household heating costs, medically-necessary cooling, and heating expenses included in rent. Self-screen for eligibility and apply online at www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid, or call the USF/HEAP hotline at **800-510-3102** to have an application mailed to you, find a local application agency, or request a home visit due to medical reasons.

Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) provides grants for natural gas and electric bills for low and moderate-income households. If you are income eligible for USF, you must apply for USF first before seeking supplemental assistance from PAGE. You can apply online at www.njpoweron.org or call **732-982-8710** to have an application mailed to you or for help finding a local application agency.

Lifeline Utility Assistance Program helps income-eligible senior citizens and the disabled with their electric and natural gas costs. Apply for Lifeline with the NJSave application at www.aging.nj.gov or call **800-792-9745** for more information.

If you are in danger of utility shut off or if you are currently disconnected, apply for programs above and inform your utility company immediately. If you apply by June 14th you will be eligible for certain protections.



Annual Income Limits for Energy Assistance Programs

Household Size	PAGE	ARP/USF	HEAP/LIHWAP
1	\$66,968	\$51,520	\$40,181
2	\$87,575	\$69,680	\$52,545
3	\$108,180	\$87,840	\$64,908
4	\$128,786	\$106,000	\$77,272
5	\$149,392	\$124,160	\$89,635
6	\$169,998	\$142,320	\$101,999
7	\$173,862	\$160,480	\$104,317
8	\$177,725	\$178,640	\$106,635

**Know Your Rights! View Utility Customer Bill of Rights at:
www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/**