



# Utility Payment Assistance Programs



**UTILITY SHUT-OFFS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021.**

**APPLY FOR NEW JERSEY'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TODAY.**

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** provides grants for heating costs, forgiveness of overdue balances, certain medically-necessary cooling expenses, and heating costs included in rent. Self-screen to determine eligibility or apply online at [www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid) or call **800-510-3102** to have an application mailed to you. Find your local application agency at [www.energyassistance.nj.gov](http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov). Application deadline is June 30, 2021.

**Universal Service Fund (USF)** provides monthly credits on natural gas and electric bills for those who spend more than 3% of annual income on electric and/or gas; or more than 6% on electric heating costs. You can apply for USF with the LIHEAP application or call 800-510-3102. Fresh Start allows eligible households participating in USF for the first time to earn unlimited forgiveness on overdue balances by making full, on-time payments for 12 months. You cannot apply for Fresh Start, but if you are eligible you will be enrolled by your utility company and receive information about the program in the mail.

**PAGE** provides credits on natural gas and electric bills for low- to moderate- income households (income from \$0 up to \$123,430 for a family of four). You must apply for USF and LIHEAP first if income-eligible for those programs. Learn more at [www.njpoweron.org](http://www.njpoweron.org) or call **732-982-8710**.

**Lifeline Utility Assistance Program** is designed to help eligible low-income senior citizens and the disabled with their electric and natural gas utility costs. The 2021 income limits are less than \$28,769 if single and less than \$35,270 if married. Apply for Lifeline with the NJSave application at [www.aging.nj.gov](http://www.aging.nj.gov) or by calling **800-792-9745**.

**Deferred Payment Agreements (DPAs):** Call your utility company before June 30 to request a payment arrangement for any overdue balances you cannot pay in full. If you find yourself in danger of shut-off, please **call NJBPU at 800-624-0241 or visit [www.nj.gov/bpu](http://www.nj.gov/bpu)**.

Apply for **Emergency Rental Assistance** that covers utility costs included in rent: <https://njdca.onlinepha.com>



## Monthly Income Limits for Energy Assistance Programs

| Household Size | USF     | LIHEAP  | PAGE     |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|
| 1              | \$1,967 | \$2,127 | \$5,349  |
| 2              | \$2,658 | \$2,873 | \$6,994  |
| 3              | \$3,349 | \$3,620 | \$8,696  |
| 4              | \$4,039 | \$4,367 | \$10,286 |
| 5              | \$4,730 | \$5,113 | \$11,932 |
| 6              | \$5,421 | \$5,860 | \$13,577 |
| 7              | \$6,111 | \$6,607 | \$13,886 |
| 8              | \$6,802 | \$7,353 | \$14,194 |

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