

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

Description:

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is designed to assist low-income households pay their winter heating bills. It makes vendor payments for homeowners and renters who are responsible for their heating bills. Renters whose heat is included in their rent and who pay more than 30 percent of their income towards rent are eligible for a cash benefit. Benefits are based on income, vulnerability and household size. Persons must apply for energy assistance between mid-October and May 1st; however, May 15th is the last day that a utility heated household with a shut-off notice for its primary source of heat can apply to establish its eligibility for benefits. Households may apply for energy assistance at their nearest [Community Action Agency](#), refer to the page II -10 of this manual.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Households must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. In 2008/2009 a single person's income must be \$15,600 or less while a household of two must have an income of \$21,000 or less.
- Elderly and/or disabled households with even higher incomes (up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, (refer to [Appendix F](#) of this manual) are also eligible for CEAP. If a member of the household is at least 60 years old or has a disability, the household is eligible if it is a one-income household under \$20,800 or a two-income household under \$28,000.
- There is a liquid assets test for the program. Liquid assets in excess of \$10,000 for homeowners and \$7,000 for all other households will be counted toward the household's annual income.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

The intake period is November 1 – May 1, or May 15 for any person who has a shut-off notice and who heats with a utility.

Contact Information:

For information regarding the program or the location of the nearest intake site call:

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or

Department of Social Services

Energy Services Division

Telephone: 800-842-1132

Website: <http://www.ct.gov/staywarm>

Related Information:

[Contingency Heating Assistance Program \(CHAP\) , refer to page XVII – 3.](#)