

Energy Assistance and Weatherization Programs for 2009/2010

The following programs are available to assist households with payment of utility bills and/or weatherization issues. Each program has different eligibility criteria based on household size and GROSS monthly income. For questions or assistance with application process, Borough of Madison residents can direct questions to Linda Durney, Director of Welfare at (973) 593-3075.

Lifeline Utility Credit http://www.state.nj.us/health/seniorbenefits/lifeline.shtml	
What is it?	One ANNUAL \$225 Lifeline Benefit for gas and or electric heating.
Who is eligible?	Individuals eligible for Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Social Security Disability, and certain Medicaid programs may be eligible. Annual Income Limit: less than \$24,432 (single); less that \$29,956 (married)
Who do I call?	By Phone: 1-800-792-9745 By Mail : LIFELINE PO Box 714 Trenton, NJ 08625-0714 On the Web: http://www.njpaad.gov

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html	
What is it?	Heating assistance available from November through March annually. Limited cooling assistance with medical documentation.
Who is eligible?	Gross Income Limit: Less than \$2031 per month for one person; \$2732 for household of two. Income limits increase with increased household size. Household and utility documentation required for application.
Who do I call?	Morris County Office of Hispanic Affairs (MCOHA) By Phone: (973) 644-5627/5632 By Mail: LIHEAP 120-122 Speedwell Ave 2 nd Floor Morristown, NJ 07960 On the Web: http://www.mcoha.org

Universal Service Fund http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/usf.html	
What is it?	This program created by the NJ Board of Public Utilities to help make natural gas and electric bills more affordable; household must pay more than 3% of annual gross income for electric or for natural gas
Who is eligible?	Gross Income Limit: Less than \$1580 per month for one person; \$2125 for two person household. Income limits increase with increased household size.
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NJ Shares http://www.njshares.org/	
What is it?	Provides energy assistance to households experiencing a financial crisis and are behind on their energy bill. Grant amounts can be up to \$700 for heating (gas, oil, propane and electric heat), and can be up to \$300 for electric service. A household may receive a grant once between January 1 and December 31 of a given year.
Who is eligible?	NJ SHARES helps households that DO NOT qualify for LIHEAP or USF. Income: Monthly gross income must be HIGHER than LIHEAP and USF guidelines (for example, a household of one must have monthly gross income over \$2031 but not higher than \$3610) A good-faith payment of \$100 or more must have been made within 90 days of applying for NJ SHARES (deliverable fuel customers are excluded) Note: Residential customers of the Borough of Madison electric department may now be eligible for assistance under the NJ Shares program.
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Weatherization Program http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/	
What is it?	Home energy audit, insulation, modification/replacement of heating systems.
Who is eligible?	Gross Income Limit: Less than \$2031 per month for one person; \$2732 for household of two. Income limits increase with increased household size. Household and utility documentation required for application.
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Winter Termination Program http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/	
What is it?	Prevents gas/electric service cut-off between November 15 and March 15
Who is eligible?	This Program covers individuals receiving one or more of the following: Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Lifeline Utility Credit Universal Service Fund (USF) Benefits Work First New Jersey / Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) General Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Who do I call?	Borough of Madison Utility Billing Department By Phone: (973) 593-3045 By Mail: 205 Madison Avenue Room 215 Madison, NJ 07940 On the Web: http://gov.rosenet.org/agencies/water-light-billing - or - Public Service Gas and Electric By Phone: 1-800-436-7734 By Mail: 80 Park Plaza P.O. Box 570 Newark, New Jersey 07101 On the Web: http://www.pseg.com/ - or - Board of Public Utilities By Phone 1-800-624-0241 By Mail: Two Gateway Center (8th Floor) Newark, NJ 07102 On the Web: http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/

For additional Information:

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<http://www.njcommunityresources.info/njliheap.html>