

News Brief

GET HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILLS

As colder weather approaches in our region, we understand that the impact from higher winter bills may be of concern. We want to share a few options that can help you minimize these impacts on your electric utility bill by helping you prepare for and manage your bills through flexible payment options and assistance programs.

Options include:

- **Budget Billing:** You can avoid seasonal peaks in your electric bills by dividing your payments evenly over the course of the entire year. This plan makes it easier for you to budget and pay your energy bill each month, because you'll know your regular payment amount.
- **Special Payment Arrangements:** We offer a variety of payment arrangements for customers who may be experiencing financial conditions that make it difficult to keep their accounts current.
- **Extended Payment Date Plan:** If your main source of household income is from government or other low-income entitlement programs, you may qualify for a regular extension of your bill due date without incurring a late charge.

Call 1-800-642-3780 or visit atlanticcityelectric.com for additional information about the options noted above.

Some federal and state energy assistance programs are also available for eligible New Jersey residents who may need assistance paying their utility bills.

State-Specific Energy Assistance Programs

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

(LIHEAP) is administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and assists residents in paying for heating costs and certain medically necessary cooling expenses. Applications are accepted during the program year, October 1 - April 30. For more information, call 1-800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov.

The Universal Service Fund (USF) helps ensure energy bills are more affordable for eligible customers. Call 1-800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov for details.



NJ SHARES is a nonprofit corporation that provides assistance to income eligible New Jersey households with energy, telephone and water bills. Visit njshares.org or call 1-866-657-4273 for details.

Lifeline is a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet certain income guidelines. This benefit includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Call 1-800-792-9745 for details.

The TRUE Program, funded by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), is an annual assistance program designed to help low- to moderate-income households across the state of New Jersey who are experiencing economic hardship and struggling to pay their electric and natural gas bills. For more information, call 732-982-8710 or visit njpoweron.org.

The Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) program provides relief on natural gas and electric bills for low to moderate-income New Jersey households that are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. For more information, call 732-982-8710 or visit njpoweron.org.

For more information about energy assistance programs, visit atlanticcityelectric.com/energyassistance.

STAY SAFE AS SEASONS CHANGE

Now that fall is here, we offer timely reminders for driving safely and remaining aware of special dangers during this time of year.

Schools Are Open. Drive Carefully.

With schools reopening after the summer, remember to stay alert and take extra care while driving in areas where schoolchildren are present.

- Pay particular attention near schools during the morning and afternoon. Look for clues such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds where children could be present.
- Stop at stop signs. Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods.
- Make sure to stop in front of crosswalks.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students. Know the laws in your jurisdiction about when to stop for school buses and learn the school bus flashing light system.



Watch for Deer.

Deer are a serious hazard for motorists in our regions, especially now through January.

- Drive within the speed limit. At night and during inclement weather reduce speeds below the limit.
- Scan the roadside and surrounding areas for deer, especially when passing through wooded or rural areas. Deer are most active at dawn and dusk, but remain very active throughout the night.
- Watch for the eye-shine of deer near the road edges.
- If you see a deer cross the road, slow down and use caution. Deer usually travel in groups. More are likely to follow.
- When you see a deer-crossing sign, be especially alert.
- If a deer jumps in front of you, maintain control of your vehicle. Apply the brakes in a controlled manner and avoid sudden, swerving maneuvers.
- Deer are quick and agile. It is more likely that they will leap out of your path than you will be able to slow down and steer around them.



ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC HOSTS ENERGY ASSISTANCE SUMMIT

In August, more than 100 representatives of non-profit and government agencies attended our annual Energy Assistance Summit at the company's headquarters in Mays Landing, NJ. The event provided attendees information on energy assistance programs and resources available for Atlantic City Electric customers, among other pertinent topics.

Residents can learn more about state energy assistance programs by visiting atlanticcityelectric.com/energyassistance.