



No one should have to worry about staying warm this winter.

Winter can be tough for some in Connecticut...especially for those who worry they might not be able to afford the high cost of energy. Energize Connecticut's **Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible Program (HES-IE)** can help.

With HES-IE, our energy experts will perform thorough diagnostic testing on your home or apartment to determine the best ways to save energy. Then we'll make on-the-spot improvements – like sealing drafty doors, windows, ducts and other leaks. We'll also inspect your heating and cooling systems, and install energy-saving light bulbs and devices to reduce hot water use. Some homes may even qualify for insulation and ENERGY STAR® appliance upgrades!

HES-IE will help you take control of high energy costs – this winter and throughout the year. And the best part? **The program is free** for income-eligible residents. Sign-up is easy. Do it today!

**SIGN UP TODAY! Call:
877-WISE USE**



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Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible Community Impact Initiative

As part of the Energize Connecticut initiative, The United Illuminating Company (UI) strives to assist Connecticut residents in making the best use of the energy efficiency programs to help reduce their energy bills.

Many of the families within our community are either on a fixed or limited income and are in need of support to help with their everyday expenses. Fortunately, the Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible (HES-IE) program is available to help residents reduce their electric and heating costs.

For those homeowners or renters that meet the State income guidelines, HES-IE services are provided at no cost. The home energy assessment provided through the program will help you save energy, save money and make your home more comfortable.

Residents who qualify may enroll in HES-IE and receive these services at no cost:

- Diagnostic testing, blower door guided air sealing, duct sealing
- Installation of energy-saving light bulbs, including CFLs and LEDs
- Installation of water-saving products like low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and hot water pipe wrap
- Replacement of certain qualifying appliances with ENERGY STAR® models
- Educational tips on how to further reduce energy costs
- Information on incentives and financing for additional upgrades including insulation, windows and heating and cooling equipment

Call today to sign up at 1-877 WISE USE (877-947-3873)

For more information about these programs visit EnergizeCT.com



Empowering you to make
smart energy choices



Energy Saving Tips for Your Home



Are you trying to make smart energy choices? We can help you save energy and money every day. Follow as many of these easy home energy savings tips as you can and share them with your friends and family.

Lighting

1. Turn off lights whenever you leave a room or don't need them.
2. When you're away from home, use a timer to turn lights on and off automatically.
3. Replace your incandescent light bulbs, both indoors and outdoors, with ENERGY STAR® certified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs), which use 75-80% less energy. For additional savings, use dimmable CFLs or LEDs.

TAKE ACTION! Purchase discounted energy-saving lighting products by ordering online at www.smartlivingcatalog.com or when you see the Energize CT logo at many participating stores.

4. Use task lighting over desks, tables and workbenches.
5. Take advantage of natural light whenever possible.
6. When turning off a dimmer switch, make sure it's completely in the off position – not just turned down.
7. Use LEDs in holiday lighting displays. They use 90% less power and last up to 50,000 hours.

Washer & Dryer

8. If you're replacing your washer, choose an ENERGY STAR model with front-loading or horizontal axis features.
9. Wash clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot, and rinse in cold water.
10. Fill your washer and dryer to capacity whenever possible. Wash smaller loads using lower water levels.
11. Hang your clothes to dry whenever possible.
12. Clean your dryer's lint filter after each load, and clean the outside vent regularly.

Dishwasher

13. When buying a dishwasher, look for an ENERGY STAR certified model with features like air power drying and overnight drying settings.
14. Scrape dishes instead of rinsing them prior to loading. If you prefer rinsing, use a sink or pot filled with cold water, rather than hot running water.
15. Be sure that the dishwasher is full, but not overloaded.
16. Keep all drains and filters clean.
17. Use the air-drying option instead of heat drying. Or better yet, turn off the drying cycle, open the dishwasher and let the contents air dry.

Oven, Range & Refrigerator

18. Don't line oven racks with foil. It blocks heat flow.
19. Use a kettle rather than a pot to boil water. If using a pot, keep the lid on.
20. Allow frozen meats to thaw completely before cooking.

TAKE ACTION! Looking for the most energy-efficient appliances? Visit www.energizect.enervee.com/ for product and rebate information and to find out where these money-saving appliances can be purchased.

21. Leave several inches of space behind and on the sides of your refrigerator so air can circulate around the unit.
22. Clean underneath or in the back of your refrigerator or freezer periodically.
23. Check for air leaks by shutting a piece of paper in the refrigerator door. If you can remove the paper without resistance, cold air may be escaping.
24. Let hot foods cool before placing them in the refrigerator. (Cooked meats, however, should be refrigerated immediately.)
25. Keep your refrigerator temperature setting just low enough to chill milk (38°-40° F) and the freezer low enough to keep ice cream hard (around 5° F).

26. Don't open the refrigerator door unnecessarily, or keep it open for prolonged periods.
27. For older refrigerators, remove frost periodically.

Small Appliances

28. Look for the ENERGY STAR label when shopping for electronics and appliances.
29. Unplug electronics when not in use, or use a power strip to eliminate any 'standby' power that many devices consume even when turned off. An inexpensive watt-meter can also be purchased to determine how much energy devices are using.

Water Use

30. Turn off the tap when you shave or brush your teeth.
31. Set your hot water heater at 120° F. (Many are preset at 140°).
32. Replace washers on leaky faucets. A steady drip can add up to many gallons wasted every month.
33. Install low-flow showerheads and sink aerators.

Insulation

34. Install wall-outlet and switch-plate gaskets to reduce the flow of cold air.
35. Install storm windows, or purchase window insulator kits to reduce drafts.

36. Be sure your home's insulation meets U.S. Department of Energy specifications for your geographic area, and that ceilings, walls, and floors over unfinished crawl spaces are all properly insulated.

TAKE THE FIRST STEPS! Sign up for Home Energy SolutionsSM – let energy experts come to your home and make on-the-spot improvements including air sealing to reduce drafts and save money. Learn from the experts how to improve the comfort of your home while saving energy and money with better insulation, efficient heating and cooling and affordable payment plans. Call 1-877-WISE USE today or visit EnergizeCT.com to get started.

37. Insulate hot water pipes.
38. Install storm doors to reduce heat transfer to the outside.

Heating & Cooling

39. Have your heating equipment periodically checked by a service professional.
40. Dust or vacuum radiator surfaces and vents frequently and keep them unobstructed.
41. Keep insulated drapes or shades closed in summer and open on sunny winter days. Close curtains or drapes on winter nights to reduce heat loss.
42. Close fireplace dampers when not in use to keep heated or cooled air from escaping up the chimney.

43. Set the thermostat as low as comfort permits. Each degree above 68° F can use 3% more energy.
44. Open windows in spring and fall rather than using air conditioning.
45. Install digital thermostats to automatically control heating and cooling.

TAKE ACTION! Thinking about replacing your heating, cooling or water heating equipment? Make sure your new systems are ENERGY STAR certified. Visit EnergizeCT.com or your utility's web site for available rebates.

46. Clean or replace furnace filters periodically, and have your furnace burner checked and cleaned annually.
47. Use ceiling or portable fans in place of room air conditioners whenever possible.
48. If you use electric heat, consider replacing it with a high efficiency ductless heat pump system, which can cut electricity use by as much as 50 percent.

Make Smart Energy Choices

The Energize Connecticut initiative can connect you to programs, rebates and payment plans that will enable you to make smart energy choices. To learn more visit EnergizeCT.com or call 1-877-WISE USE (947-3873).

Questions?
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Or visit: EnergizeCT.com

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or toll free 1-800-527-4448

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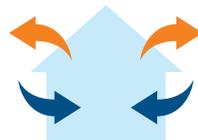
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**Home Energy
SolutionsSM**
Start saving money
and energy today.

Save money and energy by improving your home's energy performance

NO MATTER HOW YOU HEAT YOUR HOME, there's an easy way to lower your energy bill that's good for the environment – and can even make your home more comfortable. Home Energy Solutions offers on-the-spot services to homeowners and renters for immediate savings, and opportunities and resources for further savings too.



AIR LEAKS CAN
HAPPEN ANYWHERE

Savings are just one step away.

In one easy visit, certified technicians will:

- Evaluate your home's energy performance.
- Find and seal critical air leaks and drafts.
- Provide and install energy-efficient lighting, faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads.

That's just the beginning of your savings.

The energy experts will then make recommendations beyond the basic service for additional upgrades that can improve your home's energy performance even more.

- Insulation and advanced air sealing
- Energy efficient heating and cooling
- Windows and appliances
- Rebates and financial incentives
- Flexible on-bill repayment options

Choose the Home Energy Solution that's right for you.



INSTRUMENT-
GUIDED TESTING

HES

A low cost, whole-home energy checkup, including air sealing, water-saving measures, energy-efficient light bulbs, rebates and additional energy efficiency recommendations.



ADVANCED
SEALING

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR[®]

Take weatherization to the next level with upgrades to ENERGY STAR–quality insulation, ductwork sealing, HVAC systems and windows with low-interest financing.



INSULATION
UPGRADES

HES-IE

A free service for income-eligible residents. In addition to the HES basic services, eligible households may qualify for additional services such as insulation and energy-efficient appliances.

Take the first step to start
saving year-round.
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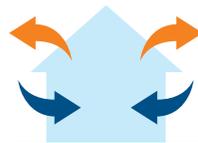
Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities with funding from a charge on customer energy bills.



**Soluciones de
Energía para
su HogarSM**
**Empiece Ahorrar
Dinero y Energía Hoy.**

Ahorre dinero y energía mejorando el rendimiento energético de su hogar

INDEPENDIEMENTE DEL MODO EN QUE CALIENTA SU HOGAR, existe una manera fácil de reducir su factura de energía que es buena para el medio ambiente e incluso puede hacer su casa un lugar más cómodo. Home Energy Solutions ofrece servicios en el lugar a propietarios e inquilinos para que obtengan un ahorro inmediato, y oportunidades y recursos para ahorrar aún más.



Escapes de Aire Pueden
Suceder en Cualquier Lugar

Los ahorros están a solo un paso.

En una simple visita, los técnicos certificados:

- Evaluarán el rendimiento energético de su hogar.
- Encontrarán y sellarán las filtraciones y corrientes de aire críticas.
- Le proporcionarán e instalarán iluminación de bajo consumo, aireadores para los grifos y cabezales de ducha de bajo flujo.

Eso es solo el comienzo de sus ahorros.

Luego, los expertos en energía le harán recomendaciones adicionales al servicio básico para realizar mejoras que puedan aumentar aún más el rendimiento energético de su hogar.

- Aislamiento y sellado de aire avanzado
- Calefacción y refrigeración de bajo consumo
- Ventanas y electrodomésticos
- Descuentos e incentivos de financiación
- Flexibilidad en las opciones de pago de su factura.

Elija la solución de energía para el hogar que sea adecuada para usted.



Instrumentos Guiado por Pruebas

HES Una revisión completa de la energía de su casa, a bajo costo, que incluye el sellado de aire, medidas para el ahorro de agua, bombillas (focos) de bajo consumo, rebajas y recomendaciones adicionales de eficiencia energética.



Sellado Avanzado

Rendimiento en el hogar con ENERGY STAR[®]

Lleve la climatización al siguiente nivel con las mejoras de ENERGY STAR: aislamiento de calidad, sellado de tuberías, sistemas de calefacción, ventilación y refrigeración, y ventanas con financiación a bajo interés.



Mejoras de Aislamiento

HES-IE Un servicio gratuito para los residentes con ingresos elegibles. Además a los servicios básicos de HES, hogares elegibles pueden calificar para servicios adicionales, tales como el aislamiento y dispositivos de ahorro energético.

Tome el primer paso para comenzar a ahorrar todo el año.

Llame al 877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873)

O visite: EnergizeCT.com