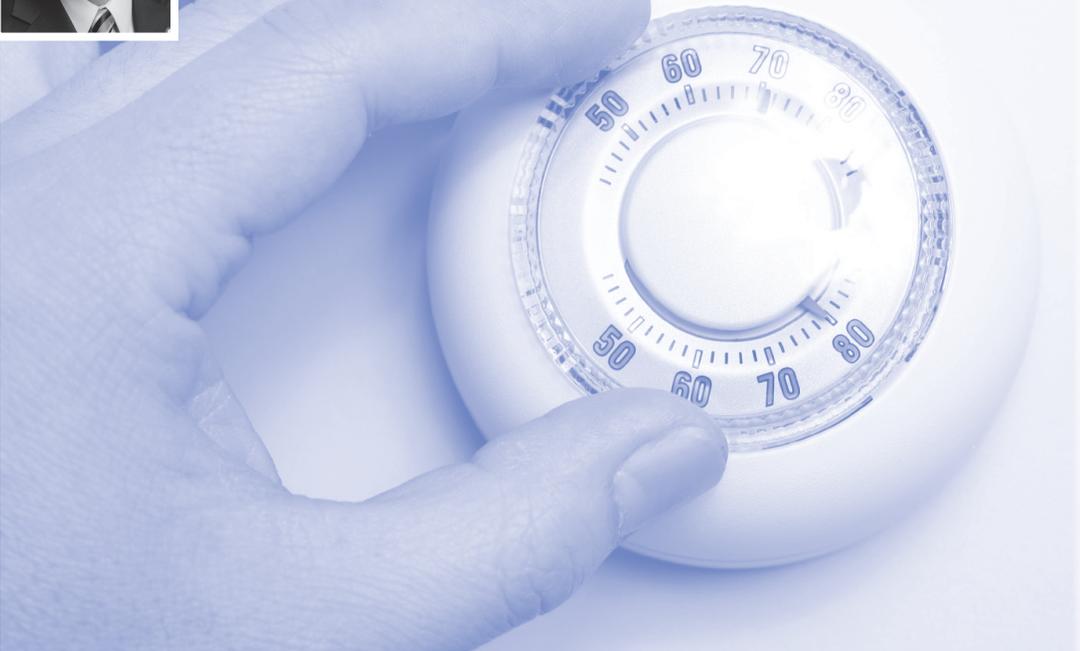




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Long Island's harsh winters can be devastating if you have trouble heating your home. That's where the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) comes in. HEAP is a federally funded program providing relief to those who would otherwise be unable to afford heat.

HEAP might be just the help Suffolk families need to pay for electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, oil, kerosene, coal or any other heating fuel. The regular benefit component helps lower-income New Yorkers cover the costs of heating their home. Eligibility for HEAP relies on numerous factors, including income, household size, the primary heating source and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.

For New Yorkers facing a home heating crisis, HEAP also provides emergency benefits. Emergency benefits are based on income, as well as available resources, number of household members and the primary fuel type. You may be eligible to receive HEAP emergency benefits if:

- ***your electricity is necessary for your heating system to work and is either shut off or scheduled to be shut off;***
- ***your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut off;***
- ***you're in danger of running out of fuel; or***
- ***your home heating equipment is inoperable.***

In addition to these direct benefits, HEAP also assists low-income homeowners with repairing or replacing any damaged or non-functioning heating equipment, including furnaces, boilers or other direct-heating components necessary to keep the home's heating source functional. HEAP benefits will cover the incurred cost of such repairs or replacements, up to \$6,500.

As the cost of heating a home continues to increase and low-income families struggle to pay to heat their homes, it's absolutely essential to ensure that families do not suffer from the harsh weather. Suffolk residents are encouraged to apply for benefits if they are in need.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help you heat your home during the cold weather months

To learn more about HEAP:

- ***New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance 1-800-342-3009***
- ***OTDA website at www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap***
- ***Suffolk County Office for the Aging 631-853-8326***

Language assistance is available online and by phone.

If you need help with the HEAP application, please contact my office at 435-3214 for assistance in completing the forms.

Programa de Subsidio de Energía para el Hogar (HEAP)

HEAP es un programa financiado con fondos federales por medio del cual se emite un subsidio destinado a complementar los costos anuales de energía por el concepto de la calefacción de una vivienda.

Si desea saber si cumple con los requisitos complete el proceso de preselección de HEAP en el sitio Web: www.mybenefits.ny.gov o llame a mi oficina al 453-3214 para más información o ayuda para llenar la solicitud o los formularios.