

For Immediate Release

South Jersey Gas reminds customers and community about utility assistance programs

FOLSOM, N.J., October 17, 2017 – For residential customers having difficulty paying their utility bills, there are financial assistance programs available to those who qualify.

South Jersey Gas encourages customers to take advantage of these financial assistance options, which are designed to help elderly, disabled or low-income residents. The programs are run by state, federal and non-profit organizations.

For a list of financial assistance programs, visit southjerseygas.com/assistanceprograms. To find out more information about South Jersey Gas payment options, Budget Billing/Equal Payment Plans or other flexible payment approaches to managing your account, call the Customer Contact Center at 888-766-9900 or visit southjerseygas.com/contactus.

Program name:	Description:	Contact information:
Universal Service Fund	The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities created the Universal Service Fund program to help low-income households pay for electric and natural gas service. Eligible New Jersey customers pay no more than 6% of their income for their natural gas and electric service.	USF/LIHEAP Hotline: 866-240-1347 Visit: www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/usf.html
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps elderly, disabled and low-income New Jersey residents pay their energy bills. Payments vary depending on your income, household size, fuel type and heating region.	Call: 800-510-3102 Visit: www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html
Lifeline Assistance Program	Lifeline is a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet the eligibility requirements of the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled program or who receive Supplemental Security Income.	Call: 800-792-9745 Visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/lifeline.html
NJ Shares	NJ Shares assists income-eligible households in paying their energy, telephone and water bills for people who are not eligible for other types of assistance.	Call: 866-657-4273 Visit: www.njshares.org
NJ Comfort Partners	NJ Comfort Partners is a free energy saving and energy education	Call: 888-773-8326

	program for qualified low-income customers . The program helps you save energy and money and helps make your home more energy-efficient.	Visit: www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/comfort-partners/comfort-partners
Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses	Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses (TRUE) is a one-time program designed to help low-to-moderate income households in New Jersey for those are experiencing economic hardships and struggle to pay their natural gas and electric bills.	Call: 732-982-8710 Visit: www.njpoweron.org
Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric	The PAGE energy assistance program benefits homeowners and renters who are NJ residents; have not have received USF in the past 6 months or HEA within the last heating season, facing a crisis situation that includes a documented notice of overdue payment for gas and/or electric service, and have a past history of making regular payments towards their utility bills.	Call: 732-982-8710 Visit: www.njpoweron.org
Catholic Charities Financial Assistance	People of all backgrounds and religions may receive help paying bills to avoid a disconnection of services.	Call: 856-342-4100 Visit: www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/camden_catholic_charities_assi.html

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