

FREEZE YOUR UTILITY COSTS BEFORE THEY GET TOO HIGH!

With winter approaching and the high cost of living, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush wants to share resources and tips to KEEP your home WARM and CONTROL energy COSTS.

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Easy Ways To Save On Energy Costs



Open your shades on sunny days and close them at night



Clean or replace your furnace filter once a month



Close vents in rooms not in use



Caulk cracks around windows and doors



Insulate attics, foundations, heating ducts, and hot water pipes

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Control Your Heating Costs:

Government-Sponsored Programs

– Contact your county’s Department of Social Services or Office of the Aging to learn about state and federal assistance programs.

Community-Based Service Programs

– Organizations like the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and United Way provide financial aid, counseling services, and assistance with utility emergencies.

Utility Sponsored Programs –

Payment assistance programs are available for eligible low-income residents through major natural gas and electric utilities. For more information, contact your utility company directly for discounts on monthly bills.

Bill Payment Options:

Budget Billing – A payment plan that lessens the monthly payment for customers during expensive seasons. This does not reduce the overall energy bill for the year but does make the monthly bill easier to manage.

Deferred Payment Agreement –

This plan assists customers who have fallen behind on bills and cannot pay in full. Your energy provider can work with you to pay outstanding balances over a period of time.

To discover more information on ways to save this winter, scan the QR code or visit:
tinyurl.com/CHILLMYCOSTS



North Country & Mohawk Valley Important Numbers

Hotlines:

National Grid Customer Service: 1-800-642-4272

Electric-Gas Shutoffs: 1-800-342-3355

Reports and Outages: 1-800-867-5222

Gas Emergencies: 1-800-892-2345 or Dial 911

NYS Division of Consumer Protection:
1-800-342-9871

NYS Energy Research & Development Authority:
1-866-697-3732

Office for the Aging:

Jefferson County (Watertown):
1-315-785-3191

Lewis County (Lowville):
1-315-376-5313

Oneida County (Oriskany):
1-315-798-5456

St. Lawrence County (Canton):
1-315-386-4730

Home Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP)

Jefferson County: 1-315-785-3229

Lewis County: 1-315-376-5400

Oneida County: 1-315-798-5559

St. Lawrence County: 1-315-379-2303

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