

PARISH OUTREACH

If you are in need of assistance with your heating oil this winter, here are resources that you may find helpful.

HEAP- Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is open to eligible New Yorkers to heat and cool their homes. **The 2022-2023 Regular HEAP benefit opened on November 1, 2022.** If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. Eligibility and benefits are based on 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. Please see <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/> for more details.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on income, available resources, and the type of emergency. **The 2022-2023 Emergency benefit is scheduled to open on January 3, 2023.** For more information and to apply for HEAP, please visit the following website: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>

Project Warmth - Project Warmth is a safety net for financially struggling individuals and families who are unable to pay their heating bill. This program provides a one-time grant for fuel and/or fuel-related electricity. Payments are made directly to oil and utility companies on behalf of eligible residents facing heating emergencies. If you or someone you know needs emergency heating assistance, call United Way's 2-1-1 Long Island information and referral call center by dialing 2-1-1 (or 1-888-774-7633) Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, for referrals to an intake site.