Customer Resource Check List

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Long Island and the Rockaway Peninsula

■ National Grid Consumer Advocates

You are invited to speak with a National Grid Customer Advocate to talk about the resources available to help manage your energy costs. To reach a Consumer Advocate, please visit https://www.nationalgridus.com/Long-Island-NY-Home/Bill-Help/customer-advocate or call 1-800-930-5003.

☐ Temporary Assistance (open year-round)

May be available if you are experiencing a utility emergency (shut off notice), have exhausted all the HEAP you are eligible to receive or if HEAP has closed for the season or if you are a non-HEAP eligible customer with extenuating circumstances and have defaulted off a payment agreement with National Grid and have no payment agreement options left. The National Grid customer representative will take a Financial Statement with you and will refer you to your local Department of Social Service County.

☐ Helpful resources:

- National Grid Customer Service: 1-800-930-5003
- Website for information: https://otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance/
- Website for local Counties: https://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/
- NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Hotline: 1-800-342-3009
- □ Regular HEAP (usually runs November March, the program can be lengthened or shortened depending on fund availability). There is typically 1 Regular HEAP payment provided per program year.
 - Criteria based on household income and number in household
 - If you have not received Regular HEAP, determine if you qualify:
 - https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/
 - NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Hotline: 1-800-342-3009

☐ To apply for Regular HEAP:

- You can apply for Regular HEAP on-line at https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin
- In person to find your local HEAP District contact: https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts/
- Emergency HEAP (usually runs January March, the program can be lengthened or shortened depending on fund availability). There can be more than 1 Emergency HEAP grant offered per program year.
 - Criteria based on household income, number in the household and a recent valid utility disconnect notice/emergency
 - If you have received a Regular HEAP grant and have a current valid utility disconnect notice apply for Emergency HEAP by telephone *or*
 - In person to find your local HEAP District contact: https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts/

HEAP Opens the Door to:

- □ National Grid's Energy Affordability Program is automatic with the receipt of HEAP and affords customers a monthly bill credit.
 - You can qualify for EAP through other qualifying programs if you do not receive HEAP or if you heat with another utility or fuel vendor such as:
 - Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
 - Lifeline Telephone Service Program (Lifeline)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Medicaid
 - Veterans Disability or Survivors Pension
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Child Health Plus
 - Tribal Programs
 - o Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (if living on tribal lands)
 - o Head Start (if living on tribal lands)
 - o Tribal TANF (if living on tribal lands)
 - o Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (if living on tribal lands)
 - Utility Guarantee/Direct Vendor programs
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Safety Net Assistance
 - EAP information and self-service application: https://www.nationalgridus.com/Long-Island-NY-Home/Bill-Help/Energy-Affordability-Program?regionkey=nylongisland&customertype=home or ngrid.com/EAP
 - Contact the Long Island EAP team by telephone at 718-403-2216 or by email at EAPLl@nationalgrid.com
- □ HEAP's Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (historically runs October of the current year through September of the following year)
 - To apply contact the local DSS/HRA office: https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts/
- □ HEAP's Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (historically runs October of the current year through September of the following year)
 - To apply contact the local DSS/HRA office: https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts/
- ☐ **HEAP's Cooling Benefit** (historically runs May through August)
 - To apply contact the local DSS/HRA office: https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts/
- **□** Energy Assistance for Veteran's (Don't forget EAP)
 - https://freegrantsforveterans.org/
 - https://veterans.ny.gov/

Offer to help customers find needed services in New York State:

■ NYS Find Services: https://findservices.ny.gov/app/survey

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■ National Grid Marketplace



https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/EmPower-New-York-Program/Eligibility-Guidelines

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