



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Resources For Energy Assistance

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This week, Senator Bill Larkin reports to residents on several state resources available to residents for help with home heating and utility costs.

"Given the difficult increases in prices for natural gas, heating oil, and electricity, many individuals and families are in need of some form of energy assistance during these cold winter months," said Senator Larkin. "The state offers several resources and programs that may be helpful."

NYSERDA's NY Energy \$mart:

Energy \$mart offers a variety of programs to qualified homeowners and renters to assess a home or apartment's energy efficiency and to identify and install improvements that will lower energy costs. For a complete listing of these programs, including applications, go to www.getenergysmart.org or call NYSERDA's toll free number 1-866-NYSERDA (1-866-697-3732).

Division of Housing and Community Renewal Weatherization Assistance Program:

This program offers low-income households financial assistance and cost-saving home energy improvements. Weatherization services may include upgrading insulation, sealing doors and windows, and replacing worn furnaces. For more information, call DHCR toll free:

1-866-275-3427.

The New York Power Authority (NYPA):

NYPA offers energy efficiency improvements, with no upfront costs and low-cost financing, to public schools and other local and state government facilities. For more information, go to www.nypa.gov.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP):

The Senate and Assembly have provided an additional \$100 million to this program to benefit more seniors and other low-income residents. For information on how to apply, call toll free: 1-800-342-3009; or go to www.otda.state.ny.us/otda/heap. Applications are also accepted at local departments of social services.