



Harvest News You Can Use

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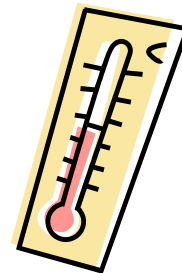
Suffolk County Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP hotline - 1-800-342-3009 (NY STATE) or 631-853-8825 - Suffolk

- HEAP is a federal program to provide energy assistance to seniors and low income families.
- Eligibility is based on your gross income.
 - One person households earning less than \$1,963 per month are eligible
 - A family of four can earn up to \$3,776 per month and be eligible.
- HEAP Centers and applications are available to the public as of November 3, 2008
- Forms can be found online at www.otda.state.ny.us/main/application.asp

Non Emergency heating and utility benefits (Regular HEAP)

- Get an application by calling 631-853-8825
- The following agencies can help you enroll:
 - Community Action of Southold – 631-477-1717
 - South Fork Community Health Initiative – 631-329-2425
 - Department of Human Services, Southampton – 631-287-5734 ex.102
 - Suffolk County Office of the Aging – 631-853-8326 (applicants over 60 or disabled)
- Regular HEAP benefits are usually set at
 - \$800 for non utility heating fuel (oil, propane, or kerosene)
 - \$585 for utility heating fuel (natural gas, electricity, or wood)



HEATING AND UTILITY EMERGENCIES

- If you do not receive public assistance and you have a heating emergency apply to
 - Riverhead Emergency Energy and Utility Site – 631-852-3631
 - Ronkonkoma Emergency Energy and Utility Site – 631- 854-9308
 - South West Emergency Energy and Utility Site – 631-854-6684/6685
- If you receive public assistance and/or food stamps and have an energy emergency call Central Fuel Unit – 631-853-8820