

HEAP

Home Energy Assistance Program

Heap opens this year on November 3rd.

HEAP is a one time benefit that is paid directly to your heating company. In addition to a regular HEAP benefit households may also qualify for a one time emergency benefit. HEAP eligibility is based on your total household income and the number of people who reside in your household.



IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE CASH BENEFITS OR FOOD STAMPS YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A HEAP BENEFIT.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CONTACT YOUR SOCIAL WORKER.

To Apply for regular HEAP:

- If you are over 60 year of age or disabled AND you received HEAP last year - You should have already received an application in the mail. Complete it immediately and return it to the Office for Aging. If you are eligible you should receive a benefit after November 3, 2008
- If you are over 60 year of age or disabled AND you did not receive HEAP last year - Call 607-778-2063. You will hear a brief explanation of the HEAP Program. You should leave your complete name and address after the beep. You should receive an application in the mail after November 3, 2008.
- If you are under 60 year of age AND you received HEAP last year AND you have a child under 6 years of age in the household - You should have already received an application. Complete it immediately and return it to the Department of Social Services. If you are eligible you should receive a benefit after November 3, 2008
- If you are under 60 year of age AND you received HEAP last year AND you do not have a child under 6 years of age in the household - Call (607) 778-2638 to request an application. It will be mailed after November 3, 2008.

New Applicants:

- Must apply at Opportunities For Broome - 56 Whitney Avenue, Binghamton - 607-723-6493
- Applications are taken Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00am - 3:00pm

To Apply For Emergency HEAP:

- If you are "Shut Off Status" with NYSEG or have less than 1/4 tank of fuel, AND you are not on Temporary Assistance or Food Stamps, you must apply IN PERSON at the Department of Social Services, 36 Main Street, Binghamton.

HEAP Income Guidelines:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY GROSS MAXIMUM INCOME
1	\$1963
2	\$2567
3	\$3172
4	\$3776
5	\$4380
6	\$4984
7	\$5097
8	\$5210
9	\$5324
10	\$5437
11	\$5800