

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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“SAVE and HEAT”

If qualified, any one of these programs can put **EXTRA CASH** in your pocket which, in turn, can be applied toward your monthly *heating costs*.

If you would like more information about any of the following program(s), please check the box to the left.

- Medicare Savings Programs** – Medicare Savings Programs help people with limited income to pay their monthly Medicare Part B premium and/or additional costs. If enrolled in a Medicare Savings Program, a Medicare beneficiary is also deemed eligible for “extra help” in paying Medicare Part D prescription drug costs. Please call **631-853-8200** for more information.
- “Extra Help” Paying for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage** – If you are currently on Medicare you may qualify for “extra help” (the low-income subsidy) from the Social Security Administration to pay prescription drug costs. This can help you pay your drug plan’s monthly premium, deductible, co-payments and the coverage gap. Please call **1-800-772-1213** for more information.
- EPIC** – The New York State Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program helps people 65 years of age and older to pay for their prescription drugs. EPIC supplements or other drug coverage including Medicare Part D. Please call **1-800-332-3742**.
- SCRIPTS** – Save an average of 20% off regular retail prescription costs with Suffolk County’s Prescription for Savings program. There is no enrollment form, age or income restrictions or membership fee. Please call **1-877-321-2652** for more information.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** – May provide a monthly check to people who are 65 or older, blind, or have a disability and who have limited resources and income. Please call **1-800-772-1213** for more information.
- Telephone Lifeline** – Income eligible households can receive a reduced rate for telephone service and installation charges. Please call your **local telephone service provider**.
- Food Stamps** – The Food Stamp program issues monthly benefits that can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Food stamp benefits help low-income working people, senior citizens, disabled individuals and others feed their families. Please call **631-853-8200** for more information.
- Earned Income Tax Credit** – The New York State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program provides refundable tax benefits for working people with low or moderate incomes. Workers who qualify and file Federal and State tax returns may get back some or all of the income tax that was withheld during the year. If the taxpayers’ EITC is higher than the taxes owed, the taxpayer may also get extra cash back from the IRS and from New York State. Please call the **Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040** for more information.

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- STAR** – The New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR) provides for a school property tax rebate program and a partial property tax exemption from school taxes for eligible New Yorkers who own and live in their homes. There is also an Enhanced STAR exemption which is available for eligible seniors 65 years of age and older. Please call your local **Town Assessor**.
- Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens** – Seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. The application for the Senior Citizen's Exemption also serves as an application for the Enhanced STAR; no separate STAR application is needed. Localities and school districts have the option of whether or not to offer this exemption. Please call your local **Town Assessor**.
- Veterans' Property Tax Exemption** – Qualified Veterans can receive a property tax exemption. The program provides a partial property tax exemption to homeowners meeting qualifying veteran's criteria. This exemption also provides qualifying senior citizens, age 65 and older, a property tax reduction of up to 50%. Please call your local **Town Assessor**.
- Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Resources** – Localities have the option of giving exemptions of up to 50% to persons with disabilities whose incomes are more than \$26,000. Under the "sliding scale" option, a qualifying owner can have a yearly income as high as \$34,399.99 and get a 5% exemption in localities where there is a maximum limit. Please call your local **Town Assessor**.
- Access to Home** – The Access to Home Program will provide financial assistance to property owners to make dwelling units accessible for low and moderate income persons with disabilities. Please contact **631-940-3722** for more information.
- RESTORE** – Funds may be used to pay for the cost of emergency repairs to eliminate hazardous conditions in homes owned by the elderly when the homeowner cannot afford to make the repairs in a timely fashion. To be eligible for assistance, homeowners must be 60 years of age or older and have a household income that does not exceed 80% of the median income. Please call **631-940-3722** for more information.
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** – Helps eligible low-income individuals meet the high costs of home heating. HEAP begins on November 3, 2008. Please call **631-853-8326** for more information.
- Middle Income Home Energy Assistance Program (MI-HEAP)** – Helps individuals meet the high cost of home heating when income exceeds HEAP eligibility guidelines. Program begins on November 3, 2008, and ends **December 31, 2008**, or when funds are exhausted. Please call **631-854-2368** for more information.
- Project Warmth** – Provides a one-time emergency heating assistance to qualified residents who have exhausted HEAP benefits. Please call **631-940-3740** for more information.
- WAP** – Weatherization Assistance Program services help reduce the amount of energy needed to heat homes and provide hot water. **WRAP** – the Weatherization Referral and Packaging program provides energy conservation, weatherization services and referrals to weatherization programs for HEAP eligible households. Please call **631-853-8327** for more information.

If you would like to be contacted regarding any of the above programs,
please print your name and telephone number below and return this entire page to:

Suffolk County Office for the Aging
Post Office Box 6100
Hauppauge, New York 11788

NAME: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE NUMBER: _____

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