



SAVING MONEY ON HYDRO & HEATING COSTS

In Haliburton County



Using less energy will help you spend less money on heating and hydro. Plus, saving energy is good for the environment! Here are some tips and programs to help you conserve and save money.

Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

The OESP provides a monthly credit on your hydro bill for eligible customers. That's at least \$35 extra in your pocket every month! To apply, visit ontarioelectricitysupport.ca or call Heat Bank Haliburton County at (705) 306-0565 or John Howard Society (705) 328-0472 ext. 931.

Time of Use vs Tiered Pricing – Your choice!

Did you know that you can choose your pricing plan for electricity if you are on a smart meter?

Time of Use pricing means what you pay for electricity depends on **when** you use it. With this option, you can save money by switching your usage to lower cost times. Find info on current Time of Use rates at hydroone.com or call Hydro One at 1-888-664-9376.

Tiered pricing means you what you pay for electricity depends on **how much** you use.

Aren't sure if you have a smart meter? Want more help understanding your bill? Get your most recent hydro bill and call Heat Bank at 705-306-0565. You can also find out more on www.oeb.ca -> Consumer information and protection -> Electricity Rates -> Choosing your price plan

Energy Contracts or Electricity Rebillers

You may be approached by someone claiming to be able to save you money on your hydro by offering you a contract with low prices on kilowatt hours. It is important to completely understand what they are offering before you sign anything. Many energy contracts sound like a great deal but end up costing more money in the end. You can find more information on what your rights are at www.oeb.ca/consumer-protection/energy-contracts. You can also call Heat Bank at 705-306-0565.

Energy Affordability Program

This program offers a FREE home energy needs assessment and/or FREE energy-efficient upgrades for lower to modest income electricity customers. Upgrades can include energy-efficient lightbulbs, showerheads, weather-stripping and they might be able to offer insulation and new energy-efficient appliances! As of Dec 2023, upgrades may include heat pumps! www.saveonenergy.ca/ 1-844-770-3148

Free Energy Conservation Kits

Heat Bank Haliburton County offers free window insulation & weather-stripping kits to lower income households when funding allows. heatbankhc.ca or call (705) 306-0565

Save On Energy – Coupons, Rebates and Incentives

The Save On Energy Program provides coupons and rebates for energy efficient products as well as incentives for energy efficiency upgrades to homes. saveonenergy.ca



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ODSP Energy Conservation Benefit

If you receive ODSP, you might be eligible for \$50 to purchase energy conservation products. **TIP!** Complete the Energy Affordability Program first to get as many free upgrades as possible. Then, get Save-On-Energy coupons for any products not covered and use the \$50 benefit to buy them!

Watt Meter Loan Program

Watt meters are devices used to measure how much electricity an appliance uses. You can use it to find out just how much that space heater or fridge is costing you in electricity. Through a Heat Bank Haliburton County initiative with the Haliburton County Public Library, watt meters are available for loan through all library branches in Haliburton County. You just need a library card!

Ontario Energy & Property Tax Credit (part of Ontario Trillium Benefit)

The Ontario Trillium Benefit is a credit that you apply for with your income tax return. Talk to the person who prepares your taxes, call 1-866-668-8297 or visit www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oeptc/ for more info.

Climate Action Incentive

The Climate Action Incentive is a rebate that you apply for with your income tax return. If you are a resident of Haliburton County, you can also apply for the 10% supplement for residents of rural and remote communities. Talk to the person who prepares your taxes, call CRA at 1-800-959-8281 or visit www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/cai-payment for more information.

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Interest-free forgivable loan for major energy efficiency improvements (such as insulation) for lower income households. Also for accessibility upgrades and critical home repairs. Program usually opens in spring. Call Housing Services Lindsay office at 1-877-324-9870 x 3109.

Canada's Greener Homes Grant, Loan & Oil to Heat Pump Affordability Program

\$125 to \$5,000 grants to cover some costs of eligible home retrofits. 10 year, interest-free loans to help with major home retrofits. Requires pre-and post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluations. Oil to Heat Pump program offers \$10,000 to install cold climate heat pump. 1-833-674-8282 www.nrcan.gc.ca

MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Heat Bank Haliburton County is a program of **Central Food Network**, a local charity. Heat Bank provides free & confidential support to households that are struggling to keep the heat and lights on. We can provide small grants for home heating & hydro emergencies, emergency firewood as well as access to additional funds in extraordinary situations. We are an intake agency for the LEAP and OESP programs and offer information on energy conservation programs, tax filing assistance & support in navigating services. Phone/Text: (705) 306-0565 heatbank@centralfoodnetwork.org www.heatbankhc.ca