



Saving Money on Heating & Hydro Costs

In Haliburton County



Looking to save money on your home heating or hydro? These programs & tips may help!



Need help to know where to start? Call or text Heat Bank Haliburton County at **(705) 306-0565**
We can help you find & apply for programs, understand your hydro bill and more.

⚡ Electricity Savings Programs and Tips

Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP): Provides a monthly credit on your hydro bill for eligible low & modest income customers. Apply at ontarioelectricitysupport.ca or call Heat Bank Haliburton County at (705) 306-0565 or John Howard Society (705) 328-0472 ext. 931.

Time of Use, Tiered Pricing or Ultra-Low Overnight – Your choice!

You can choose the electricity pricing plan that saves you the most money.

With “Time of Use” and “Ultra-Low Overnight” pricing, what you pay for electricity depends on **when** you use it. If you choose either of these plans, you can save money by switching usage to lower cost times.

With “Tiered” pricing, what you pay for electricity depends on **how much** you use.

Use the Ontario Energy Board’s Bill Calculator to see which is best for you:

www.oeb.ca/consumer-information-and-protection/bill-calculator



Find current rates or change your pricing plan at hydroone.com or call Hydro One at 1-888-664-9376.

Budget Billing / Equal Payment Plans – Budget Billing or Equal Payment Plans mean you pay the same amount each month to make energy costs easier to manage. Your monthly amount is based on past usage and may be reassessed at least once per year. At the end of the billing term, your account is reconciled. Hydro One offers 12 month budget billing plans to all customers. You can set up budget billing at hydroone.com or call Hydro One at 1-888-664-9376.

Oil and propane providers may offer an equal payment plan of 10 months. This usually must be set up by August of each year. Speak with your fuel provider.





Energy Contracts or Electricity Re-billers – Companies known as re-billers may claim they can save you money on your electricity by offering a contract with low prices on kilowatt hours. **IMPORTANT:** Always be sure you fully understand what is being offered before signing anything.

Energy contracts may have other fees that add up. Learn more about your rights at www.oeb.ca/consumer-information-and-protection/energy-contracts You can also call Heat Bank at 705-306-0565.



Watt Meter Loan Program - Watt meters measure how much electricity an appliance (like a space heater) uses. Thanks to a Heat Bank Haliburton County initiative with the Haliburton County Public Library, watt meters are available to borrow through your local branch with your library card! www.haliburtonlibrary.ca



 Energy Efficiency & Home Upgrades	<p><u>Energy Affordability Program & New Heat Pump Eligibility (delivered by EnviroCentre)</u> - This Save on Energy program offers FREE home energy assessments & upgrades for low & modest income households, including tenants. Depending on heating source & appliances, upgrades may include energy-efficient light-bulbs, clothes drying rack, draft-proofing, insulation, new energy-efficient appliances and more!</p> <p>As of Sept 2025, oil & electrically heated homes may qualify for a cold climate air source heat pump.</p> <p>In Haliburton County, this program is delivered by EnviroCentre. Apply at saveonenergy.ca/For-Your-Home/Energy-Affordability-Program, call 1 (844) 770-3148 or call EnviroCentre at 1 (877) 580-2582</p>  <p><u>ODSP Energy Conservation Benefit</u> - If you receive ODSP, you may be eligible for \$50 to purchase energy conservation products. Speak with your caseworker. TIP! Complete the Energy Affordability Program first then use the \$50 benefit to buy energy products not otherwise provided.</p> <p><u>Kawartha Haliburton Renovates</u> - 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.</p> <p><u>Free Energy Conservation Kits</u> - 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</p>
\$ Rebate Programs	<p><u>Home Renovation Savings Rebate Program</u> - This is a rebate program for home retrofits like heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, windows and doors, insulation and more. Homeowners must pay for upgrades up front and may require a home energy assessment before making upgrades. This program is delivered by Save on Energy and Enbridge Gas with support from the Ontario Government. It is available in Haliburton County. homerenovationsavings.ca or call 1-866-449-8510</p>  <p><u>ENERGY STAR Rebate Finder by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)</u> - This is a search tool hosted by the federal government to help you find government-funded energy efficiency rebate and incentive programs. https://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/products/energystar/why-buy/programs.cfm</p> 
Tax	<p><u>Ontario Energy & Property Tax Credit (part of Ontario Trillium Benefit)</u> - Part of Ontario Trillium Benefit. Apply with your tax return, call 1 (866) 668-8297 or visit www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-trillium-benefit</p>



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We provide free, confidential support to those facing challenges paying for heat and electricity.