

Winter Termination Program

The NJ Department of Community Affairs has implemented a Winter Termination Program to prevent service discontinuation for eligible residential customers receiving residential electric, sewer and water service from a local authority, municipal utility, or rural electric cooperative from November 15th through March 15th 2023.

Service cannot be discontinued during this period to those residential customers who demonstrate at the time of the intended termination that they are:

- 1) Recipients of benefits under the Federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or certified as eligible therefore under standards set by the New Jersey Department of Human Services.
 - 2) Recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 - 3) Recipients of Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
 - 4) Recipients of Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
 - 5) Recipients of General Assistance (GA) benefits.
 - 6) Recipients of the Universal Service Fund (USF).
 - 7) Recipients of the Low-Income household Water Assistance Program
 - 8) Recipients of benefits under the Lifeline Credit Program
 - 9) Persons unable to pay their utility bills because of circumstances beyond their control. Such circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, unemployment, illness, medically related expenses, recent death of an immediate family member, and any other circumstances, which might cause financial hardship.
- All homeowners in arrears should be referred to DCAid :

<https://dcaid.dca.nj.gov/en-US/are-you-eligible/> or NJ211 for possible assistance.

Please contact Fidel Ekhelar at fidel.ekhelar@dca.nj.gov to execute the agreement or with any questions.