

NATIONAL GRID RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TIPS TO HELP MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS WINTER READY:

1. HAVE THE FURNACES, CHIMNEY FLUE, SPACE HEATERS AND FIREPLACES CHECKED.
2. CLEAR SPACE AROUND HEAT REGISTERS, APPLIANCE VENTS AND EXHAUST DUCTS.
3. CLEAR CHIMNEYS AND VENTS OF BIRD OR SQUIRREL NESTS, LEAVES AND OTHER DEBRIS.
4. MAKE SURE THAT THE EXHAUST AND AIR INTAKE VENTS OF APPLIANCES ARE NOT BLOCKED. THESE VENTS, WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF, AND ON THE GROUND AROUND THE OUTSIDE FOUNDATIONS WALLS FOR DIRECT VENT APPLIANCES SHOULD BE KEEP CLEAR OF SNOW AND DEBRIS.
5. SEAL ANY HOLES OR CRACKS THAT LET IN COLD AIR. CAULK AROUND WINDOWS AND REPLACE ANY BROKEN PANES ON STORM DOORS AND WINDOWS, WEATHER-STRIP AROUND DOORFRAMES.
6. CHECK INSULATION IN WALLS, CEILINGS, AND FLOORS AND ADD INSULATION AS NEEDED WHERE YOU CAN.
7. REMOVE WINDOW AIR CONDITION UNITS TO REDUCE DRAFTS DURING THE COLD MONTHS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE COVER ALL SIDES OF THE UNIT WITH PLASTIC.

THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH STATE AGENCY'S TO HELP WITH HEATING COSTS:

NATIONAL GRID: IF YOU MEET CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS YOU MAY BE EIGABLE FOR "SPECIAL PROTECTION" FROM TERMINATION OF SERVICE. THIS MEANS THAT YOUR NATURAL GAS SERVICE CAN NOT BE SHUT OFF. GO TO WWW.NATIONALGRID-RHODEISLAND.CUSTHELP.COM -- PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THE RHODE ISLAND GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND; PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDERS IN TEMPORARY FINANCIAL CRISIS WHO ARE NOT INCOME ELIGIBLE FOR THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) FINANCIAL CRISIS INCLUDES THE INABILITY TO PAY FOR A DELIVERABLE FUEL AND/OR ELECTRIC OR GAS BILL. VISIT WWW.RIGOODNEIGHBOR.ORG/NEEDASSISTANCE.HTM FOR MORE DETAILS.

VISIT WWW.211RI.ORG USE KEY WORDS "HEATING ASSISTANCE IN COVENTRY" FOR A LIST OF AGENCIES THAT MAY ASSIST YOU WITH HEATING COSTS.

VISIT WWW.RIPOWER.ORG A RHODE ISLAND NON-PROFIT ENERGY CONSUMER'S ALLIANCE. THEY ARE A NONPROFIT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATE LIKE A BUYERS CLUB OR CO-OP. SINCE 1982 THEIR DISCOUNT HEATING OIL SERVICE HAS BEEN A PROGRAM FOR ANY HOUSEHOLD REGARDLESS OF INCOME WHO WANTS TO SAVE ON HEATING COSTS. THEY USE THE BUYING POWER OF 13,000 MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE BETTER PRICES FOR CONSUMERS.

VISIT WWW.WESTBAYCAP.ORG THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO RHODE ISLANDS LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHETHER THEY OWN, OR RENT TO ASSIST WITH FUEL BILLS DURING THE WINTER SEASON. THIS PROGRAM GENERALLY RUNS FROM OCTOBER THRU APRIL WITH ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RECEIVING A PRIMARY GRANT TO HELP PAY THEIR HEATING BILLS. THIS PROGRAM SERVES RESIDENTS OF WARWICK, WEST WARWICK, EAST GREENWICH AND COVENTRY. ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS PROGRAM IS BASED ON INCOME. THE GUIDELINES ARE UPDATED EVERY YEAR THRU THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL 401-732-4660 EXT 105.