New *Winter Energy Bill Relief* for Massachusetts Families

With winter energy costs expected to rise significantly due to the war in Iran, Governor Maura Healey declared a **State of Energy Emergency**. This gives the state additional authority to **increase heating assistance, offer relief to middle-class families and take charges directly off bills.**

In total, Governor Healey is delivering $150 million in relief to Massachusetts families.

NEW HELP FOR MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES

Governor Healey created a new, **one-time heating assistance benefit** for middle-income families who heat their homes with oil.

- Families earning between **60% and 100% of the State Median Income** can qualify for up to $680 in relief this winter.
- For example, a family of four earning **up to $171,749 may qualify**.

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Applications for this new middle-income heating oil benefit will open in **December 2026.**

MORE ASSISTANCE THROUGH HEAP

Governor Healey is also boosting assistance available through the Massachusetts **Home Energy Assistance Program** (HEAP), which helps households earning **at or below 60% of the State Median Income.**

- Depending on your income and how you heat your home, eligible households can receive **between $600 and $1,450** in heating assistance this winter.
- HEAP is available to both **homeowners** and **renters**, and you do not need to be behind on your heating bills or receive other public assistance to qualify.

20% more assistance
for oil heat customers

15% more assistance
for utility heat customers

You may be eligible for HEAP assistance for home heating costs incurred during the heating season from **November 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.**

Even if you have not qualified for heating assistance in the past, check again this year.

To apply or find a HEAP agency in your area, visit Mass.gov/HeatingHelp.