

# SAVING MONEY ON HYDRO AND HEATING COSTS

## HALIBURTON COUNTY

Using less energy will help you spend less money on heating and hydro. And, because the delivery fee on hydro is partly based on your hydro usage, your delivery fee will also go down when you use less! Plus, saving energy is good for the environment! Here are some tips and programs to help you conserve and save money.

For even more info, check out these websites:

- [www.kilowattway.ca](http://www.kilowattway.ca)
- [www.hydroone.com](http://www.hydroone.com)
- [www.saveonenergy.ca](http://www.saveonenergy.ca)

### TIME OF USE VS TIERED PRICING

If you are on a smart meter, what you pay for electricity is different depending on the time you use it. You can save money by switching your usage to lower cost times. Find info on current *Time of Use rates* at [hydroone.com](http://hydroone.com) or call Hydro One at 1-888-664-9376.

Aren't sure if you have a smart meter? Want more help understanding your bill? Call Heat Bank at 705-306-0565.

### ENERGY CONTRACTS

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](http://www.oeb.ca/consumer-protection/energy-contracts).

You can also call Heat Bank at 705-306-0565.

### HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/GREENSAVERS ENERGY ASSESSMENTS AND FREE UPGRADES

Want to have a professional come to do an energy assessment of your home AND install some energy conservation products FOR FREE? If you are living on a lower income, you might qualify for the Home Assistance Program. They can help with energy-efficient lightbulbs, power bars and new shower head and they might be to offer insulation and new appliances!

Website: [greensaver.org](http://greensaver.org),  
Phone: 1-855-591-0877

## **WATT METER LOAN PROGRAM**

Watt meters are devices that are 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!

## **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.

Website: [saveonenergy.ca](http://saveonenergy.ca)

Phone: 1-877-797-9473

## **FREE ENERGY CONSERVATION KITS**

Heat Bank Haliburton County offers free window insulation & weather-stripping kits to lower income households when funding allows.

Website: [heatbankhc.ca](http://heatbankhc.ca)

Phone: (705) 306-0565

## **ODSP ENERGY CONSERVATION BENEFIT**

If you receive ODSP, you might be eligible for up to \$50 for an Energy Conservation Benefit to help purchase energy conservation products. TIP! Complete the Home Assistance/Greensaver Program energy 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!

## **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](http://ontarioelectricitysupport.ca)

Phone: *Heat Bank Haliburton County* at (705) 306-0565 or

*John Howard Society* (705) 328-0472 ext. 931.

## **KAWARTHA HALIBURTON RENOVATES**

This is an interest-free forgivable loan to help with major energy efficiency improvements (such as insulation) for lower income households. Program usually opens in April.

Phone Housing Services Lindsay office at: 1-877-324-9870 x 3109

## **ONTARIO ENERGY AND 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.

Website: [www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oeptc/](http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oeptc/)  
Phone: 1-866-668-8297

## **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  
Website: [www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/cai-payment](http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/cai-payment) for more information.

## **GETTING HELP WITH HYDRO EMERGENCIES**

Before Hydro One disconnects your power for non-payment of arrears, they must notify you by phone and in writing. If you receive a disconnection notice, contact either Heat Bank (705-306-0565) or Housing Services (1-877-324-9870) immediately. These agencies can place a hold on the disconnection and work with you to access programs to reduce the arrears and/or make repayment more manageable.

## **LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP GRANTS) - UP TO \$500**

If you are behind on your hydro bill and have a lower income, you might be eligible for a grant of up to \$500. To find out more:

Phone: *LEAP* at 1-855-487-5327 or  
*Heat Bank* at 705-306-0565

## **MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

Heat Bank Haliburton County:  
[www.heatbankhc.ca](http://www.heatbankhc.ca) (705) 306-0565

Human Services - Housing Services:  
49 Maple Ave, Haliburton 1-877-324-9870