

MEDIA SCAN: HYDRO RATE REDUCTION PLAN

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SUDBURY STAR: PROGRAM CAN HELP WITH HYDRO BILL

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'Tis the season to spread cheer - and spread the word about OESP

Do you qualify for OESP or know someone who may? Help spread the word.

The Ontario Electricity Support Program is a provincial program that helps lower-income customers with their electricity bills. The OESP provides monthly on-bill credits to eligible customers based on household income and household size.

Even though the OESP has been around for a while, there are still people who have not yet applied to receive the on-bill credit.

"We currently have about 1,750 customers enrolled and receiving credits," said Wendy Watson, director of communications for Greater Sudbury Hydro. "We think there could be another 600 or so who may qualify ... but you have to apply to get the credit. It doesn't happen automatically."

You can find out if you qualify for an on-bill credit by visiting www.ontarioelectricitysupport.ca or www.sudburyhydro.com. Applications can be made online or you can pick up a form at the Greater Sudbury Hydro office, 500 Regent St. People who need assistance can contact the Red Cross, 1460 Fairburn St., or Low Income People Involvement, 127 Main St. East in Sturgeon Falls.

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SUDBURY.COM: YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$75 CREDIT ON YOUR ELECTRICITY BILLS

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Customers who qualify may receive an OESP on-bill credit amount between \$45 and \$75 each month, depending on the number of people who live in the house and their combined household income.

Qualified customers with electric heat or high-consumption medical devices are eligible for a higher level of assistance.

This program is funded by the province of Ontario and administered by the Ontario Energy Board.