

Helping Make Electricity More Affordable

Ontario Government Providing Energy Efficiency Upgrades To Those In Need

NEWS

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Ontario announced the launch of the Affordability Fund today, to help those Ontarians not eligible for the [Save on Energy Home Assistance Program](#) to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, where this couldn't otherwise be done without the support.

The Affordability Fund is part of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. The \$100 million fund is expected to support the no-cost installation of household improvements such as energy-saving LED light bulbs, power bars, improved insulation, and energy efficiency air conditioners and refrigerators. Energy efficiency improvements can help customers reduce their energy usage, and get on a more sustainable path with their energy bills.

Customers can visit the Affordability Fund website to find out if they are eligible and how to apply.

Ontario is lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for residential customers as part of a significant system restructuring that will address long-standing policy challenges and ensure greater fairness.

QUOTES

"Our goal is to make sure electricity is affordable for everyone in this province and that includes helping those in need not only to make their homes more energy efficient, but also make their electricity bills more affordable."

— Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy

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— xxx, United Way

QUICK FACTS

- The Affordability Fund is administered by an independent trust that distributes funds to the electricity distributors that apply. Distributors, working with community partners, are well-positioned to provide energy efficiency improvements to consumers in need of assistance.
- Under the Protecting Vulnerable Energy Consumers Act 2017, the government gave the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) the authority to prohibit disconnections during certain periods of time when customers are more vulnerable, such as over the winter months.
- As of July 1, 2017, electricity bills have been reduced by 25 per cent on average for residential consumers. This includes all households across Ontario.

LEARN MORE

To find out if you are eligible for the Affordability Fund visit: [TBD]. .

Read more about how [Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan](#) has decreased energy bills.

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