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## **Home Energy Solutions™ - Income Eligible Program Offers Free Services for Those on a Fixed or Limited Income**

*FREE energy improvements can help residents who meet income guidelines take control of their energy consumption and reduce annual costs*

**NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (March 23, 2016)** – As a partner of the [Energize Connecticut initiative](#), The United Illuminating Company (UI) is helping Connecticut residents reduce their energy bills and make their homes more comfortable. At no cost, families on a fixed or limited income can take part in the [Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible \(HES-IE\) program](#).

HES-IE offers on-the-spot weatherization and energy efficiency services to homeowners and renters for immediate savings, as well as incentives and additional resources to further reduce energy use. A home energy assessment is a “physical checkup” determining how much energy a home uses, and is recommended for anyone looking to lower their monthly home energy bills.

“Residents with fixed or limited incomes are provided an opportunity to assess their home and pinpoint ways to reduce energy costs,” said Elizabeth Murphy, senior program manager, The United Illuminating Company.

“Determining where your home is consuming the most energy, and taking action to correct energy waste or loss are critical factors in reducing monthly energy bills.”

By participating in the HES-IE program, residents will have a better understanding of how their home wastes energy and what additional measures can be taken to improve the comfort of their home. Each energy assessment is performed by a certified professional. All HES-IE customers may be eligible for the following free services:

- Comprehensive energy assessment
- Diagnostic testing
- Blower door guided air sealing and duct sealing
- Installation of energy-saving light bulbs, including LEDs and CFLs
- Installation of water-saving products like low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and hot water pipe wrap
- Educational tips on how to further reduce home energy costs
- Information on rebates and financing for additional upgrades including insulation, windows, appliances and heating and cooling equipment as applicable
- Some homes may qualify for insulation and appliance upgrades at no cost

Those who choose to participate in the HES-IE program will save money while simultaneously making their homes more comfortable and energy efficient year-round. With spring rapidly approaching, now is the perfect time to consider an HES-IE assessment to help make your home cooler this summer.

“The HES-IE program is a valuable alternative to those unable to cover the co-pay that accompanies Home Energy Solutions services,” said Murphy. “It is highly encouraged that those who meet the income guidelines take advantage of this free HES-IE assessment and start reducing their energy bills.”

Approximately \$1,200 in services will be performed during a free HES-IE assessment. On average, residents who partake in this program will save more than \$250 on their annual energy bills. The entire process also serves as an educational resource so each resident can continue their path to energy savings after the assessment is completed.

To obtain more information regarding the Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible program please call 1-877-WISE-USE or visit [EnergizeCT.com](http://EnergizeCT.com).

### **About Energize Connecticut**

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](http://EnergizeCT.com) or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

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