

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST:

- Pay stubs for all working adults in the household for the four week time period prior to your appt.
- If you are self employed, there is a self employment form that must be filed out.
- Unemployment Compensation Benefits for the four week period prior to your appointment.
- Interest and Dividend Statements
- Social Security/SSI
- Pensions/Annuities (1099's)
- Veterans Benefits
- Workers Compensation/Disability Insurance (long or short term)
- Alimony/Child Support
- DSS/State Assistance
- Money from Family or Friends
- Do you own a business? Under the table earnings?
- Other Income: Paypal, Ebay, lottery, casino, etc.
- Rent Receipt/Mortgage Statement
- Checking/Savings Statement /CD's (every pg of previous months statements)
- Stocks/Bonds
- Social Security Numbers & Birthdates of all household members.

Depending on what fuel source you heat with, you will need that bill (gas, electric) or if you heat with oil, it is your responsibility to establish an account with a dealer who is a registered vendor with the CT Energy Assistance Program.

You will receive a FULL more detailed listing of required documentation after you schedule an appointment with us, this list is just the basics due to space constraints.

INCOME & ASSET GUIDELINES: 2020-21 HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES

*Guidelines & Award levels are subject to change,
per State budget constraints.*

2020-21 HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES

Your combined yearly income must fall below the maximum yearly gross for your household size.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Max. yearly gross	\$37,645	\$49,228	\$60,811	\$72,394	\$83,977

There is also a liquid assets test (checking, savings, CD's, stocks, bonds, shares, CD's, and individual retirement accounts.) ***The purpose of the liquid assets test is to try to ensure that winter heating assistance dollars go to households most in need; that is, to people without the financial means to heat their home.***

For homeowners, the first \$15,000 in liquid assets, and for renters the first \$12,000 in liquid assets is disregarded. Any amount OVER that limit when added to your annual gross income must fall below the income guideline for your household size.

Full Guidelines are on the State of Connecticut DSS website:
www.ct.gov/staywarm

Last season, well over 600 Branford Families were assisted through this program.

If you know someone who needs help, please pass along this brochure and encourage them to call for a ***private & confidential*** appointment.

Donations to the Emergency Fuel Fund are gratefully accepted; checks can be made out and mailed to:

Town of Branford - Emergency Fuel Fund
Canoe Brook Center
46 Church Street—Upper Level
Branford CT 06405

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State & Federal Energy Assistance Programs

Sept. 2020—May 2021

*Guidelines & benefits subject to change
per State budget mandates*



**Helping Branford families
stay warm this winter**

Energy Hotline 203-315-0610

Nicole Proto, Caseworker
Phone: (203) 315-0686
Email: nproto@branford-ct.gov
Marlowe Ioime, Assistant Director
Phone: (203) 315-0682
Email: mioime@branford-ct.gov

Energy Assistance 2020-21

(203) 315-0610

by appointment only

DUE TO COVID-19

**ALL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE
DONE BY MAIL, EMAIL, DROPBOX &
PHONE.**

**THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
APPOINTMENTS AT THIS TIME.**

If you are having **difficulty with the cost of heating your home, there is help available** for qualified households. A person living alone must have a **total gross yearly income** less than: **\$37,645** two people living together less than **\$49,228**. Generally renters can have no more than \$12,000 in assets (bank accounts, CD's, IRA's, stocks or bonds); homeowners are limited to \$15,000 in assets. (Excess assets are added to income and combined must fall below amounts listed above). *(see back page for more income/asset info)*

OIL-KERO-PROPANE

If you applied last year for energy assistance and you heat with oil, kerosene, or propane you will be mailed an virtual appointment letter during the month of September and a detailed list of the required documentation. You must select a vendor who is participating and registered with the State of Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. If you are new and would like information or an appointment please contact 203-315-0610.

In order to get fuel, your application **must first be approved & authorized** by the State of Connecticut Community Renewal Team (CRT)



**The FIRST DAY for DELIVERIES
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

**The LAST DAY for FUEL AUTHORIZATIONS
MARCH 31, 2021**

ELECTRIC

If you applied last year for energy assistance and you heat with electricity, virtual appointment letters will be mailed out in November with a detailed list of the required documentation.

If you are new to the program, or did not apply last year, please contact us at 315-0610.

Last day for a **utility heated** household to apply for assistance is **May 3, 2021**

If you have not already done so, you should contact Eversource and **apply for the winter protection program and the Matching Payment Plan** (1-800-286-5844) Under this plan you will be protected from shut-off's and if you are awarded energy assistance and make all of your agreed upon monthly matching payments, eventually Eversource will match those payments as well as your energy award, up to a zero balance. Basically it doubles the amount of dollars off your bill. Electric bill must be in the name of a household member over the age of 18 and coded as residential heat.

EVERSOURCE

EVERSOURCE IS FOR **ELECTRIC HEAT ONLY**

****IMPORTANT****

We **CAN** code your electric account hardship and enroll you in the Matching Payment Plan (Eversource ONLY)

However, **we CANNOT do this until the time of your appointment.**

GAS

If you applied last year for energy assistance and you heat with gas, virtual appointment letters will be mailed in December with a detailed list of the required documentation.

If you are new to the program, or did not apply last year, please contact us at 315-0610 after Dec. 1

If you have not already done so, you should contact Southern Connecticut Gas and **apply for winter protection and the Matching Payment Plan** (1-800-659-8299) Under this plan you will be protected from shut-off's and if you are awarded energy assistance and make all of your agreed upon monthly matching payments, eventually SCGC will match those payments as well as your energy award up to a zero balance. Basically it doubles the amount of dollars off your bill. Gas bill must be in the name of a household member over age 18 and coded RSH. We can assist at the time of your appointment only.



The LAST DAY for UTILITY HEATED households to apply is May 3, 2021 unless you have a shut off notice in which case the last day is May 14, 2021

The deadline for DELIVERABLE FUEL AUTHORIZATIONS is March 31, 2021