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## Managing summer electric usage: Small steps can make a big difference.

Summertime often means trips to the beach or just enjoying the simple pleasure of being outside more often. But higher temperatures can also mean increased electric usage as people turn on fans and air conditioners to keep cool.

To manage summer usage, there are simple things you can do:

- **Raise the temperature setting.** Set your programmable thermostat as high as is comfortable in the summer and raise the set point when you're sleeping or away from home.
- **Close blinds, shades and curtains facing the sun** to keep out the heat and help fans and air conditioners cool more efficiently.
- **Turn off power sources.** Many electronics continue to use power when in standby mode, or even when turned off. Plug electronics into a power strip and turn it off when not in use.



## PSEG also offers online tools to help you take control of your energy usage:

**Access *MyMeter* to manage your electric use.** If you're an electric customer with a smart meter, *MyMeter* provides you with a detailed view of how you use electricity as well as helpful energy-saving tools and resources. You can set usage thresholds and receive alerts by text, email or both. There is also a built-in rate comparator and more. *MyMeter* is easy to access through *My Account* at [pseg.com](https://pseg.com) or through our mobile app.

**Get customized energy tips with our easy online Home Energy Assessment.** It takes less than five minutes to complete, and the personalized tips you receive will start you on your way to saving energy and money. You can access it through *My Account*, through the *MyMeter* portal, or as a guest at [pseg.com/SaveEnergy](https://pseg.com/SaveEnergy).

PSEG is committed to helping our customers manage their energy usage and costs. For more energy-saving tips, tools and programs, visit [pseg.com/SaveEnergy](https://pseg.com/SaveEnergy).



### Don't forget to notify us...

If you (or a member of your household) rely on electricity to operate life-sustaining equipment, please notify PSEG. Visit [pseg.com/Life](https://pseg.com/Life) or call 1-800-436-PSEG

# Programs that can help you pay your PSE&G bill

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)\*

Apply before June 30th. You don't need to have a past-due balance to apply.

LIHEAP helps customers with an average of \$360 toward their heating bill and \$300 toward medically necessary cooling costs. If you received LIHEAP this season and have a shut-off notice, you can request Emergency LIHEAP assistance of up to \$800 toward your energy bill.

## Universal Service Fund (USF)\*

Applications accepted year-round.

USF helps make bills more affordable by providing a \$20 to \$200 monthly energy bill credit. If you apply and have a balance of \$60 or more, you will automatically be screened for the Fresh Start Program (FSP). FSP offers the opportunity for forgiveness of past-due balances once every 5 years.

When you apply for LIHEAP, you are also applying for the USF.

### LIHEAP and USF Income Limits

Household Size <sup>†</sup>	1	2	3	4
Monthly Gross Income ♦	\$4,167	\$5,449	\$6,732	\$8,014

To apply, visit [pseg.com/EnergyAssistance](http://pseg.com/EnergyAssistance) and choose "PSE&G" as your agency. We can help with your application if you have any problems. If you can't apply online or need extra help, visit a local PSE&G Customer Service Center, or call **1-908-709-6868** (Mon. - Fri. 7:30am - 3:30pm). Customers who applied through an agency, call **1-800-510-3102** (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 8:00pm) to check the status of your application.

## SHARES Energy Assistance Grants\*

Applications accepted year-round.

Income-eligible customers with a past-due balance on their bill can apply through Payment Assistance Gas and Electric (PAGE), SMART Utility Assistance and SHARES Energy Assistance.

To apply for these grants, you must first complete the application process for LIHEAP/USF.

A "good faith" payment may be required within 90 days of applying.

### SHARES Income Limits

Household Size <sup>†</sup>	1	2	3	4
Monthly Gross Income ♦	\$6,945	\$9,082	\$11,219	\$13,356

To apply, visit [sharesnation.org](http://sharesnation.org) or call 1-866-657-4273.

To apply to these programs, the following documents are required:

- ✓ Social security cards, if applicable (entire household)
- ✓ Photo identification for each household member, if applicable (driver's license, passport, or government-issued ID)
- ✓ Proof of income for the past 30 days (entire household)
- ✓ Proof of address (rental or mortgage statement, tax bill or deed)
- ✓ Most recent PSE&G bill (all pages)

♦ Gross income is income before taxes.

<sup>†</sup>For household sizes greater than four, visit [pseg.com/Help](http://pseg.com/Help).

\*Participation in these programs is subject to terms and conditions. PSE&G does not administer these programs.

For more information, visit [pseg.com/Help](http://pseg.com/Help)



## Outdoor electric safety tips

- **Always be aware of electric line locations.** Keep a safe distance from them when using or carrying a ladder. Be especially careful using a metal ladder. Never let a ladder touch a power line.
- **Use caution when painting or working** in areas near the electric service and the electric service entrance cable to your home.
- **Never operate electric trimmers, mowers or power tools with wet hands or near wet grass or shrubs.** Always use heavy-duty, grounded extension cords.
- **Don't trim tree branches** when a power line is running through them.
- **If your TV or radio antenna needs repair,** consider hiring a local contractor. Antennas are difficult and dangerous to handle.
- **Teach your children about electric safety.** Remind them to:
  - Stay away from power lines, and downed wires.
  - Never climb trees that are near electric lines OR climb utility poles or power line towers.
  - Never play near "Danger High Voltage" signs.

## Meters and metal don't mix

It is important to keep metal away from your gas meter.

PSE&G protects gas pipes from corrosion by using a small electrical current that runs through them. If metal objects, such as a dog's leash or an electrical ground, are attached to the pipe, they could strip the corrosion protection and cause problems with the electricity running through the pipes and the meter. When pipes become damaged, they may need to be repaired. If you have any concerns about the condition of your meter, please call our customer service phone number at **1-800-436-7734** to schedule a meter inspection.

