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To: Local Health Directors and Chief Sanitarians

From: Francesca Provenzano, Health Program Supervisor
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Date: May 30, 2012

Subject: The Connecticut Efficient Healthy Homes Initiative

Do you know that there is a Healthy Homes Initiative in your town?

The Connecticut Efficient Healthy Homes Initiative (CTEHHI) is a statewide, collaborative effort of the United Illuminating (UI) Company, Connecticut Light & Power, the Energy Efficiency Fund, and a network of community partners.

What services do they provide?

The Initiative provides no to low-cost weatherization, energy efficiency and health and safety improvements to income eligible residents through CTEHHI. (Pamphlet attached)

But what is it really worth?

With an average value of up to \$9,750 per home, CTEHHI can install things like:

- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- Water- and energy-saving faucet aerators and showerheads
- Insulation and appliance upgrades
- Heating and cooling system evaluation
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Kitchen and bath ventilation
- Lead paint, asbestos, and mold assessment with some remediation

Who should you tell about this Initiative?

- Homeowners and rental property owners
- Low-income renters
- Everyone!

Encourage them to contact the Initiative to see what services they qualify for under this program.

For more information contact:

UI's WISE USE Hotline

1-877-WISE USE

Visit www.ctenergyinfo.com/healthyhomes

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CT Efficient Healthy Homes Initiative

Customer Application

Home Energy Solutions (HES) can make your home more energy-efficient, comfortable, and environmentally friendly. For a co-pay of \$75, an energy expert will visit your home, providing valuable energy-saving services and information. The \$75 will be waived for customers who are income-qualified. To be considered for Home Energy Solutions, Home Energy Solutions Income-Eligible (HES-IE), or CT Efficient Healthy Homes (CTEHHI) services made possible by Connecticut's Energy Efficiency Fund, please complete this application. **All applicants who are renters must have their landlords complete the back of this application.**

SECTION 1: ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

(Please Print) First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ Unit #: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Check ALL that apply: Single Family Apartment Condo Duplex Year-Round Seasonal Use Only

Number of units in building: _____ Age of home (check one): _____ Heated square footage of home: _____ sq ft
 Number of stories: _____ Pre-1950 1950-1978 Post-1978
 Are the units in your building individually heated and cooled? Yes No: Central Boiler/Furnace Don't know

Primary fuel type: Electric Gas Oil Propane
 Hot water type: Electric Gas Oil Propane
 Primary heat type: Forced hot air Hot water baseboard
 Other: _____ Age of system: _____ years

UI/CLP Account #: _____ Gas Company (check one): Yankee SCG CNG
 Account #: _____

Oil Company: _____ Central Air Conditioning: Yes Age: _____ years No

Please check one:
 UI/CLP has permission to release billing information to the vendor conducting HES services in my home to evaluate savings as a result of weatherization measures installed.
 I do not authorize the release of my billing information.
 How did you hear about the HES program?
 Bill insert Direct mail Radio/TV Referral
 Other:
 Do you: Own Rent* (Your landlord **must** complete the back of this application.)

My signature below indicates that I understand that if I am found to be eligible for an energy assessment of any appliances, it is required that I own them, and that I will only participate in energy assessments concerning appliances that I own. I acknowledge and agree that (i) I am not to receive or retain any Class III renewable energy credits, or any environmental credits or benefits, in connection with this program, and such credits shall be retained by UI or CL&P for the benefit of their customers through the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, and (ii) Forward Capacity Market credits/benefits/payments associated with my participation in this program are hereby assigned to UI or CL&P.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 2: INCOME-ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS ONLY

To qualify for these services at no charge, the **gross annual income for your household must be at or below 60% of state median** (see chart below). Please fax current copies of any one of the following to **1-877-580-4466**: Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or Department of Income Management budget sheet; energy assistance award letter; unemployment letter; last four (weekly) or last two (bi-weekly) pay stubs, along with Social Security card, birth certificate, or passport; Schedule C of tax return (self-employed only). UI and CLP reserve the right to verify income before services are provided. Please note that if you income-qualify for HES-IE or CTEHHI, you also qualify for UI's winter protection program.

Total weekly income (gross) of all household members: \$ _____
 Number of elderly (60+ years): _____
 Number of disabled: _____
 Number of children (<6 years): _____

Were you approved to receive a fuel assistance benefit in the past year?
 Yes No Don't know
 If you applied, please check which agency you signed up with:
 CAA-NH ABCD TEAM Other: _____

 (PLEASE INITIAL) My initials indicate that I understand that my eligibility for energy conservation services under the HES-Income Eligible Program requires my income to be within the limits specified, and that my income is within such limits.

Yearly Income Limits (All Household Members)	
Family Size	Max. Annual Income
1	\$31,863.52
2	\$41,667.68
3	\$51,471.84
4	\$61,276.00
5	\$71,080.16
6	\$80,884.32
7	\$82,772.60
8	\$84,560.88

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

Please mail completed form to:

WISE-USE, 157 Church Street, PO Box 1564, MS 1-6B, New Haven, CT 06506
(or) Fax to (203) 499-2800

Referring Agency (if applicable)

Please note that filling out this form does not automatically qualify you for the HES program. If you are eligible, you will be notified via letter or phone. An authorized adult must be present during the assessment and to provide access to the premises. The fee for non-income-eligible customers will be collected at the time of service as applicable. This program is subject to change based on available funding, and we reserve the right to restrict services to homes that could benefit the most as a result of potential high customer participation and over-subscription. For any questions or concerns, please call **1-877-WISE-USE** (1-877-947-3873).

LANDLORD/PROPERTY OWNER MUST COMPLETE REVERSE



Connecticut Light & Power
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The United Illuminating Company



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Connecticut Efficient Healthy Homes Initiative

*Making housing safe,
healthy, and environmentally
sustainable throughout
Connecticut*



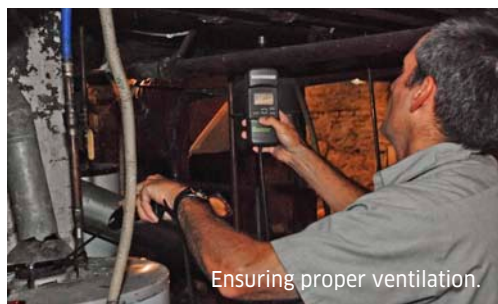
A Healthy Home is:

- dry
- clean
- pest-free
- safe
- contaminant-free
- properly ventilated
- maintained
- energy efficient

Most people spend over 90 percent of their time indoors, which is why it's so important to be aware of hidden risks that may exist in your home, such as carbon monoxide, lead, pests, mold and moisture. These issues cause poor indoor air quality, which can trigger asthma and create other serious health challenges.

The Connecticut Efficient Healthy Homes Initiative (CTEHHI) can help you identify and address these risks in your home, while making your home more energy efficient so you can save money.

CTEHHI is a community-based, statewide program carried out in collaboration with the Energy Efficiency Fund, its utility partners and nonprofit, municipal, and healthcare partners across Connecticut.



Ensuring proper ventilation.

During the Visit

Specialists will assess your home's energy efficiency and perform a wide range of weatherization services, such as:

- Installing compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- Caulking drafts, cracks and leaks around your windows, doors, plumbing and outlets
- Installing water-saving faucet aerators and showerheads

Specialists will conduct an energy assessment to determine if your home is eligible for additional energy-saving measures.

In addition, specialists will complete a Healthy Homes Checkup to identify health and safety issues that may be present in your home, such as:

- Is your furnace operating safely?
- Is there mold or excessive moisture in your home?
- Do you have life-saving carbon monoxide detectors?
- Do you have exhaust fans in your bathroom and kitchen?
- Do you have household products like chemicals or pesticides in your home that could make you sick?

Based on the results of these assessments, you may be eligible to have some of these risks corrected in a second visit. The specialist may also refer you to partner programs across the state that can help with issues such as lead paint, and will provide you with tips on easy ways to keep your home safe and healthy for you and your family.

Are You Eligible?

CTEHHI follows U.S. Department of Energy requirements for eligibility.

Start by locating your family size on the chart below and the dollar amount next to it. If your family's combined gross annual income is this amount or less, you are income-eligible for the program (income verification is required).

Income Guidelines for the 2011-2012 Fuel Season	
Family Size	Gross Annual Income
1	\$31,863.52
2	\$41,667.68
3	\$51,471.84
4	\$61,276.00
5	\$71,080.16
6	\$80,884.32
7	\$82,722.60
8	\$84,560.88

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

If you have received weatherization services under the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program since September 30, 1994, you are not eligible to participate in CTEHHI.



Checking for contaminants in the home.

"I heard about the program through a local community event and signed up to make my home more efficient and safe for my children."

Tahania Cunningham, New Haven

If you are not eligible for CTEHHI, you can still lower your energy costs through Home Energy Solutions programs. Call the number below for more information.

How Do I Apply?

To sign up for CTEHHI, please call **1-877-WISE USE** (1-877-947-3873) and mention "Healthy Homes" or "CTEHHI". Landlords are required to grant permission for tenants in their buildings.

For more information or to apply online, visit www.CTEnergyInfo.com/healthyhomes



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Connecticut's Energy Efficiency Programs are funded by a Charge on Customer energy bills. The Programs are designed to help customers manage their energy usage and cost.

CTEHHI is supported by the Energy Efficiency Fund in partnership with the Connecticut Utility Companies, Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, the City of New Haven, the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut Children's Medical Center LAMPP Project, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, L. Wagner & Associates, NauVEL, NeighborWorks New Horizons, and Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital Regional Lead Treatment Center.

Iniciativa para casas saludables y eficientes de Connecticut

Viviendas seguras, saludables y sustentables desde el punto de vista ambiental en todo Connecticut



Un hogar saludable:

- es seco
- es limpio
- está libre de plagas
- es seguro
- está libre de contaminación
- está bien ventilado
- está cuidado
- tiene bajo consumo energético

La mayoría de las personas pasan más del 90 por ciento de su tiempo en el interior de su casa. Es por eso que es tan importante conocer los riesgos ocultos que puede haber en el hogar, como monóxido de carbono, plomo, insectos, moho y humedad. Estos problemas alteran la calidad del aire en el interior de las casas, lo que puede desencadenar asma y generar otros problemas de salud graves.

La Iniciativa para casas saludables y eficientes de Connecticut (Connecticut Efficient Healthy Homes Initiative, CTEHHI) puede ayudarle a identificar estos riesgos en el hogar y buscarles soluciones, mientras incorpora un uso más eficiente de la energía que le permita ahorrar dinero.

La CTEHHI es un programa estatal comunitario llevado a cabo en colaboración con el Fondo para el uso eficiente de energía, compañías de servicios públicos asociadas y compañías de atención médica, municipales y sin fines de lucro asociadas de todo Connecticut.



Asegurando una ventilación adecuada.

Durante la visita

Especialistas evaluarán la eficiencia energética del hogar y llevarán a cabo diversos servicios de acondicionamiento, por ejemplo:

- instalación de bombillas fluorescentes compactas (CFL)
- enmasillado contra corrientes de aire, grietas y filtraciones en ventanas, puertas, tuberías y conductos
- instalación de cabezales de duchas y de aireadores para los grifos para ahorrar agua

Especialistas realizarán una evaluación eléctrica para determinar si el hogar resulta apto para la instalación de otras medidas tendientes al ahorro de energía.

Además, especialistas llevarán a cabo un control sanitario del hogar para identificar cuestiones de salud y de seguridad que pudiera haber, por ejemplo:

- ¿El horno funciona bien, sin generar riesgos?
- ¿Hay moho o humedad excesiva en la casa?
- ¿Tiene detectores de fugas mortales de monóxido de carbono?
- ¿Tiene extractores de aire en el baño y en la cocina?
- ¿Tiene productos de uso doméstico como sustancias químicas o plaguicidas en el hogar que podrían enfermarlo?

En función de estas evaluaciones, usted puede cumplir con los requisitos para que se corrijan algunos de estos riesgos en una segunda visita. El especialista también puede derivarlo a programas estatales asociados que pueden resultar útiles para cuestiones tales como la pintura con plomo, y que le brindarán recomendaciones sobre maneras fáciles de mantener la casa segura y saludable para usted y su familia.

¿Cumple usted con los requisitos?

La CTEHHI sigue los requisitos de elegibilidad del Departamento de Energía de los EE.UU.

Comience por ubicar en la siguiente tabla el número de integrantes de su familia y el monto en dólares al lado. Si la combinación de los ingresos anuales brutos de su familia coincide con este monto o es menor, usted cumple con los requisitos del programa en lo que respecta a ingresos (es necesaria una verificación de los ingresos).

Pautas por ingreso para la temporada de combustibles 2011 - 2012

N.º de integrantes de la familia	Ingresos anuales brutos
1	\$31,863.52
2	\$41,667.68
3	\$51,471.84
4	\$61,276.00
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Pueden corresponder otros requisitos de elegibilidad.

Si usted ha recibido servicios de acondicionamiento bajo el Programa de asistencia en acondicionamiento (Weatherization Assistance Program) del Departamento de Energía de los EE.UU. desde el 30 de septiembre de 1994, no cumple con los requisitos para participar en la CTEHHI.



Verificando la presencia de contaminantes en el hogar.

“Supe acerca del programa en un evento comunitario local y me inscribí para mejorar la eficiencia y la seguridad del hogar para mis hijos”

Tahania Cunningham, New Haven

Si no cumple con los requisitos para participar en la CTEHHI, igual puede reducir los costos de energía a través de los programas Soluciones energéticas para el hogar (Home Energy Solutions). Para más información, llame al número que figura a continuación.

¿Qué debo hacer para anotarme?

Para inscribirse en la CTEHHI, llame al **1-877-WISE USE** (1-877-947-3873) y mencione “Hogares saludables” (“Healthy Homes”) o “CTEHHI”. Los inquilinos deben obtener la autorización de los propietarios del edificio.

Para más información o para anotarse por Internet, visite www.CTEnergyInfo.com/healthyhomes



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Los programas de uso eficiente de la energía de Connecticut están financiados por medio de una tarifa en las cuentas eléctricas de los clientes. Los programas están pensados para ayudar a los clientes a controlar el uso y el costo de la energía.

La CTEHHI cuenta con el apoyo del Fondo para el uso eficiente de la energía en asociación con las compañías de servicios públicos de Connecticut, Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, la ciudad de New Haven, la ciudad de Bridgeport, el Proyecto LAMPP del centro médico para niños de Connecticut, el Departamento de Salud Pública de Connecticut, la Autoridad para el financiamiento de la vivienda de Connecticut, L. Wagner & Associates, NauVEL, NeighborWorks New Horizons y el Centro regional de tratamiento de vanguardia del Hospital de niños de Yale-New Haven.