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Route To: Parents and Community Members

From: Utility Bill Assistance Programs

When COVID-19 struck, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and New Jersey's regulated water, gas, and electric utility companies swiftly agreed to a voluntary moratorium on shut-offs to both residential and commercial customers during this unprecedented situation. While there is still a moratorium on shut-offs, the amount due to the utility companies continues to increase.

Many families across New Jersey continue to struggle to pay their utility bills, some for the first time as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19. While the number of people in arrears has grown drastically over a typical year, the amount of people enrolling in energy assistance programs has not increased at the same rate. The NJBPU respectfully asks for your assistance in disseminating the information below through your communications with your district.

NJBPU encourages anyone who is behind on their bills to contact their gas and electric company to set up a deferred payment arrangement. The State of New Jersey through the NJBPU and the Department of Community Affairs have several programs available to help families in need.

Our brochure on assistance programs, linked below in English and Spanish, have all of the details or you can visit nj.gov/BPU or call 2-1-1.

[Energy Assistance Brochure English \(PDF\)](https://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/custassistance/NJ_2020-2021_Energy_Assistance_Brochure_%20English.pdf)

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[Energy Assistance Brochure Spanish \(PDF\)](https://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/custassistance/NJ_2020-2021_Energy_Assistance_Brochure_%20Spanish.pdf)

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