



Summer Crisis Program 2009 Guidelines

Summer assistance available for low-income households

Under the 2009 Summer Crisis Program, some households may be eligible for a one-time payment of up to \$175 toward their electric bill or, depending on the area of the state the applicant resides in, assistance with cooling equipment, such as an air conditioner or fan, if available.

It is estimated that one in 10 Ohio residential utility consumers experienced a disconnection of either their electric or gas service for non-payment in the past year.

To be eligible for assistance, households must have an annual income that is at or below 175 percent of the 2009 federal poverty guidelines. In addition to the income guidelines, applicants must also:

- ▶ Have a member in the household who is 60 years of age or older, or
- ▶ Have a member who has a medical necessity verified by physician documentation.

Additional information

To apply for the Summer Crisis Program, consumers need to contact their local community action agency. The community action agency determines the level of benefits that can be provided. The program is available from July 1 until Aug. 31, 2009.

For additional information on the 2009 Summer Crisis Program or to locate the nearest community action agency, consumers should contact the Ohio Department of Development consumer hotline at 1-800-282-0880 or TDD 1-800-686-1557 or via the Internet at energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Consumers also can identify their local community action agency by visiting the ODOD Web site at <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/ocs/locate.htm>.

For additional information on all available assistance programs or to obtain help in avoiding a disconnection, consumers should contact the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) toll free at 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622) or visit the OCC Web site at www.pickocc.org.

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Size of household	Total Annual Income	Total household income for past 3 months
1	\$18,952.50	\$ 4,738.13
2	\$25,497.50	\$ 6,374.38
3	\$32,042.50	\$ 8,010.63
4	\$38,587.50	\$ 9,646.88
5	\$45,132.50	\$11,283.13
6	\$51,677.50	\$12,919.38

**For households with more than six members, add \$6,545 per person for annual income; add \$1,636.25 for 3 months*

For additional information from the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel:

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