



MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Please note: Energy Assistance must be applied for annually. If you applied last program year, whether you received assistance or not, you must reapply this year.

MEAP

You may qualify for help paying your Columbia Gas bill through the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). Eligible households can receive energy assistance grants to help maintain utility service. Apply online at the MyDHR website <https://benefits.maryland.gov/home/#/>, call **1-800-272-2714**, or contact your local administering agency to get started.

Garrett County

104 E. Center St.
Oakland, MD 21550
(301) 334-9431

Allegany County

1 Frederick St.
Cumberland MD
21502
(301) 784-7000

Washington County

117 Summit Ave.
Hagerstown, MD
21740
(301) 797-4161

GAS ARREARAGE RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE

You may be eligible to receive assistance toward your past due Columbia Gas account through the Gas Arrearage Retirement Assistance Program (GARA). Indicate on your MEAP application you are in need of assistance through GARA. This program is administered by the Maryland Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP).

COLUMBIA GAS HEATSHARE FUEL FUND

This program provides grants to customers for use in offsetting debts or restoring service after shut off. Heatshare is available if you have exhausted all other available assistance programs. To find out if you qualify for a grant, call Columbia Gas at **1-800-537-7431**.

UTILITY SERVICE PROTECTION PLAN (USPP)

In order to participate, ask for USPP when you apply for a MEAP grant. As a USPP participant, the cost of your annual usage, less your MEAP benefit, will be spread over 12 months. Arrangements will be made to pay in installments any arrearages you owe at the time you join USPP. The payment plan for arrearages will be based on your income level and financial conditions.

2026-2027 Federal Income Guidelines 150% Federal Income Level

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$2,660
2	\$3,607
3	\$4,553
4	\$5,500
5	\$6,447
6	\$7,393
7	\$8,340
8	\$9,287
9	\$10,233
10	\$11,180
For family size of 11 or more, contact your local OHEP office.	

PAYMENT PLANS

We know there are times when it may be difficult to pay your bill. We offer a variety of payment plans to help you get back on track. View options and enroll at: **ColumbiaGasMD.com/PaymentPlans**.

BUDGET PLAN

Budget Plan allows you to pay about the same amount each month. Your budget amount is based on usage history at your address, normal weather conditions, current rates for service and delivery, and the current and projected cost of energy. Learn more at **ColumbiaGasMD.com/Budget**.

**FOR ALL THE CURRENT PROGRAMS
VISIT ColumbiaGasMD.com/Assistance
CALL 1-800-460-4332**

