

EnergyLines

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Enroll in our online payment options and reclaim

your kitchen counter

Our online payment options give you the ease and convenience of paying your bills — without all the clutter.

With our new and improved eBill features, you can:

- View your bills online and only print them when necessary.
- Group multiple bills or combine multiple NYSEG accounts to make one single payment.
- Export your eBill data to your own spreadsheet.

Sign up for AutoPay, too and your bill will be paid automatically. You won't have to lift a finger! Your secure payment will be made on time every month. If you'd like level monthly payments, with **Budget**

Billing you'll always know how much your bill will be and can plan ahead.

Choose one, two or all three of our services to find the combination that works best for you. Enroll today at nyseg.com.



Do a little. Save a lot.

Five tips to help you lower your energy bill.

- 1. \$4 billion is how much we'd save as American consumers if every clothes washer was ENERGY STAR-certified. Tip: Look for the ENERGY STAR label whenever you're shopping for a new or used appliance.
- 2. \$100 per year can be saved by replacing five incandescent light bulbs with LEDs. Tip: Swap out the incandescent bulbs in your five most frequently used light fixtures.
- 3. 8% less energy is used when you insulate your electric water heater with a blanket. Tip: If your heater feels warm to the touch, you need more insulation.
- 4. 30% less energy is used when you own a manual defrost freezer versus an automatically defrosting unit. Tip: Opt for a manual defrost freezer and don't allow a buildup of more than 1/4 inch of ice.
- 5. 10 gallons of heated water are wasted in a week if your faucet is leaking one drop per second. Tip: Whether you call a plumber or do it yourself, fix that leaky faucet sooner rather than later.

Say YES to your energy savings. Visit yes2saving.com.



Project SHARE Heating Fund opens for grant applications!

Starting January 3, 2017, the **Project SHARE Heating Fund** is open and accepting applications for grants. It will remain open until funds are exhausted. The **Project SHARE Heating Fund** helps low-income customers, as well as active members of the military and veterans, who are facing energy emergencies.

To be eligible for a **Project SHARE Heating Fund** grant, you must:



- Have an active NYSEG account in your name; and
- · Have an active disconnect notice; and
- Meet the HEAP income guidelines, except: Active military members and well-discharged veterans may qualify regardless of income.

Applicants for a grant must be made by the customer of record. The maximum grant amount is \$350 and you may apply once every 12 months.

The **Project SHARE Heating Fund** is administered by HeartShare Human Services of New York. Applications for grants must be submitted by an authorized intake agency or by calling HeartShare directly at **1.800.599.4327**. To find an intake agency in your area, call **1.844.579.5555** or visit **heartshare.org**.

Earn \$85 by enrolling in our Smart Savings Rewards program

Visit www.enrollmythermostat.com/smartsavingsnys

Our new Smart Savings Rewards program will save you money on one of your highest expenses: cooling your home or business in the summer.

When you enroll in our new Smart Savings Rewards program, you earn an \$85 e-gift card for every eligible Wi-Fi thermostat that controls your central air conditioning system. During the summer, we will make brief, limited adjustments to your Wi-Fi thermostat to help reduce the demand for electricity. Your participation is risk-free and you can opt out at any time. For every thermostat event you participate in, you earn a \$5 bill credit. Here's how you can earn your \$85 reward:

- Go to www.enrollmythermostat.com/smartsavingsnys to see if you are eligible* to enroll in our Smart Savings Rewards program.
- Confirm your existing thermostat is eligible. If not, you can purchase and install an eligible Wi-Fi thermostat.
- 3. Activate and enroll your eligible thermostat in our Smart Saving Rewards program.

*If you're a NYSEG residential or small business electric customer with an eligible Wi-Fi-enabled thermostat operating your central air conditioning system, you can enroll in the program.

Emergency generator safety tips to keep you and your family safe

When properly sized, installed and operated, generators can safely power electrical equipment during power interruptions. However, you must follow proper procedures or you may place yourself and your family at serious risk. Also, improperly operated generators can feed electricity back into our lines, putting our people who are working to restore service in danger. Please be sure to read, understand and follow all manufacturers' instructions for safe operation.



For our free, downloadable Emergency Generator Safety information sheet, visit **nyseg.com**, click on "Usage and Safety," then on "Be Energy Safe With Electricity" and then click on the "Generator Safety" icon.

