



ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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Home Energy Assistance Program Announces Extended Hours At Select Town Locations Throughout Ulster County

As part of the **Ulster County Winter Watch** initiative, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) has set up extended hours at select locations to accept new HEAP and Food Stamp applications only for the month of November (see attached schedule).

“Increased benefits and higher eligibility criteria for energy assistance makes this program available for more families as we face this challenging winter season”, said Social Services Commissioner Roberto Rodriguez.

The seven locations are an effort to increase access to new applicants throughout Ulster County. Residents of Towns and Villages in proximity to these locations are encouraged to go to the nearest location instead of commuting to the Department of Social Services in Kingston.

The 2008-2009 HEAP season begins on November 3, 2008 and will end on May 15, 2009. For more information on HEAP, contact the program offices at 334-5436.

To find out your eligibility status in the comfort of your home go to the New York State website: myBenefits.ny.gov

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ULSTER COUNTY WINTER WATCH
 Department of Social Services
 Extended Hours at Town Locations
 Food Stamp and HEAP (New) Applications
 November 5, 2008 through November 26, 2008

Locations	Dates/Time	Dates/Time	Dates/Time	Dates/Time
LLOYD/MARLBORO/PLATTEKILL 12 Church Street, Highland	Monday Nov 10 th 9:00 – 3:30	Monday Nov 17 th 9:00 – 3:30		
NEW PALTZ Town Hall, 130 N. Chestnut Street	Friday Nov 7 th 9:00 – 3:30	Friday Nov 14 th 9:00 – 3:30		
PLATTEKILL Town Hall, Rt 44-55, Modena (Highland location is available to Plattekill residents on November 10 th & 17 th)	Tuesday Nov 18 th 9:00 – 3:30			
SAUGERTIES Town Hall, 4 High Street	Thursday Nov 6 th 9:00 – 3:30	Thursday Nov 13 th 9:00 – 3:30	Thursday Nov 20 th 9:00 – 3:30	
SHANDAKEN Town Hall, Route 28	Tuesday Nov 18 th 9:00 – 3:30	Tuesday Nov 25 th 9:00 – 3:30		
SHAWANGUNK/WALLKILL Town Hall, 2 Central Avenue Wallkill	Friday Nov 21 st 9:00 – 3:30			
WAWARSING/ELLENVILLE Trudy Resnick Building Center Street	Wednesday Nov 5 th 9:00 – 3:30	Wednesday Nov 12 th 9:00 – 3:30	Wednesday Nov 19 th 9:00 – 3:30	Wednesday Nov 26 th 9:00 – 3:30

NOTE: Schedules are subject to change due to increases/decreases in volume and for inclement weather. Notices regarding these dates and subsequent changes are to be handled by each town. Required documentation should be conveyed to residents.

Documents that need to be provided when applying:

- copy of rent, lease, or mortgage receipt
- current fuel and/or utility bill or statement from landlord stating your heat is included in rent

Monthly income verification for all members in household:

- pay stubs for previous 4 weeks
- unemployment insurance benefits book
- bank book, interest or dividend statements
- copies of Social Security or pension checks or direct deposit statements
- business statements if you are self-employed

Bring one of the following for each person in household:

- birth or marriage certificates
- school or baptismal records
- Social Security card
- driver's license