



# An Energy Education & Engagement Program

**Lunch & Learn**

**January 27, 2026**

Power Smart Lake County is a Community Action Foundation of Northern Illinois Energy Efficiency Education Program

# Save Energy and Money with these Winter Efficiency Tips

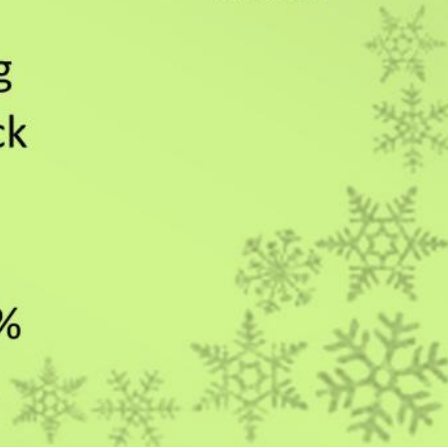
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## AVOID ENERGY VAMPIRES

- **Plug electronics into a power strip.** Then turn the strip off when not in use.
- **Pull the plug on that old fridge** located in the HOT garage or utility room. Some utility companies have appliance recycling programs and will pick it up for free. Check with your local electric company.
- **Look for ENERGY STAR qualified electronics.** These products are up to 30% more efficient than non-certified models.





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**JOIN US Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**for a  
Lunch & Learn**

11:30 am — 1:00 pm

Sherman Avenue Community Center  
1906 Sherman Ave. North Chicago, IL 60064

*Complimentary Lunch*

Learn how to lower your heating bills, make your home or apartment more comfortable, and save money on household expenses—straight from trusted Energy Efficiency Experts.

**Ivonne Rychwa, Outreach Director, Citizens Utility Board**

**Yafa Swanson, External Affairs Manager, ComEd**

**Ryan Libby, Director of Subscription Acquisitions, PowerMarket**

**Toni Garza, Energy Professional, Resource Innovations**

Seating Limited to 40

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# PRESENTERS

Toni Garza, Energy Professional, Resource Innovations

Ryan Libby, Director of Subscription Acquisitions,  
PowerMarket

Mayra Mendez, Executive Director - Clean Power Lake County

Ivonne Rychwa, Outreach Director, Citizens Utility Board

Yafa Swanson, External Affairs Manager - ComEd

# LOW INCOME DISCOUNT CREDIT

If you applied for and received LIHEAP benefits between October 1, 2024, and August 15, 2025, and you are a customer of Nicor Gas, North Shore or Peoples Gas, you will **automatically** receive a monthly discount on your natural gas bill beginning with your October 1 billing cycle.

For Nicor Gas, North Shore and Peoples Gas customers, the discount will be listed as “**Low Income Discount Credit**” on your natural gas bill. The credit you receive will depend on your household income level, and be listed as “**Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4**”.

## What is a Tier?

If your household income falls into a certain range, you will get that Tier credit on your natural gas bill.

## How do I get the Low Income Discount Credit?

Only LIHEAP customers are eligible for the Low Income Discount Credit for Tier 1 through Tier 4. You must apply for LIHEAP **every program year** to receive the Low Income Discount Credit on your natural gas bill.

Apply for LIHEAP between **October 1, 2025 and August 15, 2026**.

LIHEAP will **automatically** let your gas utility know what income Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4 you are in. From one year to the next, if your income changes enough to place you in a different Tier, your Low Income Discount Credit will change based on predetermined income ranges.

This Low Income Discount Credit will be on every monthly bill until you reapply for LIHEAP.

LIHEAP benefits are applied automatically to your bill **AFTER** the discount. LIHEAP benefits are a one-time credit.

## When will I get my natural gas discount?

Once you apply for LIHEAP the first time, you should see the discount on your bill within the following billing cycle. Returning LIHEAP customers will already have the discount applied to your bill.

Low Income Discount Credit = **Monthly CREDIT** on your bill  
LIHEAP Benefit = **One-time Annual CREDIT** on your bill

## My LIHEAP benefit is lower than last year. Why?

This year you will be receiving two credits, the LIHEAP benefit and Low Income Discount Credit. For many households, the two credits together will be larger than your LIHEAP benefit last year.

## Why can't I get a discount on my electric bill?

ComEd will start the Low Income Discount Credit in January of 2026. Anyone already on LIHEAP will receive the discount on their utility bill at that time.



Supported By



**Illinois Solar for All**

## Get up to 50% Off Your ComEd Bill — For Free!

For Waukegan Households Only

Brought to you by Illinois Solar For All to help local households save money and support Illinois' clean energy goals.

specifically, the cheaper power the farm produces is being set aside to help seniors and working families in Waukegan.

### What does it cost?

It costs nothing to join, there are no fees as a member, and no penalties if you need to cancel or close out your ComEd account.

### Do I need to install or maintain anything?

No, you will never have to install or maintain any equipment. That's all managed by our solar farm developer at Yeoman Creek.

### What's the Catch? This Sounds Too Good To Be True.

There's no catch or downsides to enrolling. Because the solar farm is working with ComEd, the program is paid for through your ComEd bill. Thanks to state and local support the cost of the energy from the farm is 50% less than what you would normally pay! This program is the result of legislation and smart incentives provided by leaders at the state and local level to make sure that everyone can benefit from renewable energy and help Illinois hit its clean energy targets.

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Payment Deducted on 4/15/24 **\$61.12**

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English 1.800.EDISON (1.800.324.7666)  
Español 1.800.95.LUCES (1.800.955.8237)  
Hearing/Speech Impaired 1.800.572.5788 (TTY)  
Federal Video Relay Services (VRS) Fedvrs.us/session/new

**1 SERVICE ADDRESS** Electric Choice ID: **\$81.48**

**METER INFORMATION**

Read Dates	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Previous	Present	Difference	Multiplier	Usage
2/23-3/22		General Service	Total kWh	48773	Actual 49190	Actual 417	x 1	417

**RENEWABLE COMMUNITY SUPPLY DETAILS**

Generation Period	Project Name	Phone Number	Generation kWh	Rate	Total Credit
01/05 - 02/05	Yeoman Creek	646-351-0840	288,565.30	-0.07055	<b>-\$20.36</b>

**CHARGE DETAILS**

Residential - Single 2/23/24 - 3/22/24 (in bus)

Electric Supply Charge	417 kWh X 0.05378	\$22.43
Transmission Services Charge	417 kWh X 0.01470	\$6.13
Purchased Electricity Adjustment		-\$1.15
<b>SUPPLY - ComEd</b>		<b>\$27.41</b>
Customer Charge		\$12.67
Standard Metering Charge		\$2.30
Distribution Facility Charge		\$19.82
Electricity Distribution Charge	417 kWh X 0.04777	\$19.82
Electricity Distribution Charge	417 kWh X 0.02124	\$8.86
<b>DELIVERY - ComEd</b>		<b>\$36.41</b>
Customer Charge		\$12.67
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<b>TAXES &amp; FEES</b>		<b>\$17.66</b>
Environmental Cost Recovery Adj	417 kWh X 0.03222	\$13.56
Renewable Portfolio Standard	417 kWh X 0.00502	\$2.09
Zero Emission Standard	417 kWh X 0.00199	\$8.41
Carbon Free Energy Resource Adj	417 kWh X 0.02060	\$8.59
Energy Efficiency Programs	417 kWh X 0.02060	\$1.32
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>-\$20.36</b>
Charges/Credits from previous bill		\$55.99
Community Solar Credit		-\$20.36
Service Period Total		<b>\$81.48</b>
Thank You for Your Payment of \$95.89 on March 18, 2024		
Total Amount Due		<b>\$61.12</b>



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Payment Deducted on 2/4/26

**\$61.40**

**1 SERVICE ADDRESS**

Electric Choice ID: 2000000078

**\$61.40**

**METER INFORMATION**

Read Dates	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Previous	Present	Difference	Multiplier	Usage
12/11-1/13	20000000	General Service	Total kWh	52936 Actual	53198 Actual	262	x 1	262

**CHARGE DETAILS**

Residential - Single 12/11/25 - 1/13/26 (33 Days)

**SUPPLY - ComEd**

Electricity Supply Charge	262 kWh X 0.07841	\$20.54	\$26.25
Transmission Services Charge	262 kWh X 0.01819	\$4.77	
Purchased Electricity Adjustment		\$0.94	

**DELIVERY - ComEd**

Customer Charge		\$15.26	\$35.72
Standard Metering Charge		\$3.81	
Distribution Facility Charge	262 kWh X 0.06228	\$16.32	
IL Electricity Distribution Charge	262 kWh X 0.00126	\$0.33	

**TAXES, FEES & OTHER CREDITS**

Environmental Cost Recovery Adj	262 kWh X 0.00010	\$0.03	-\$0.57
Renewable Portfolio Standard	262 kWh X 0.00502	\$1.32	
Coal to Solar and Energy Storage Fund	262 kWh X 0.00007	\$0.02	
Zero Emission Standard	262 kWh X 0.00189	\$0.50	
Carbon-Free Energy Resource Adj	262 kWh X -0.02381	-\$6.24	
Energy Efficiency Programs	262 kWh X 0.00369	\$0.97	
Energy Transition Assistance	262 kWh X 0.00084	\$0.22	
Low Income Discount Recovery		\$1.17	
Franchise Cost	\$32.32 X 1.80900%	\$0.58	
State Tax		\$0.86	

Service Period Total **\$61.40**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

\$0.00

Charges/Credits from previous bill \$59.83

Thank You for Your Payment of \$59.83 on January 02, 2026

**Total Amount Due \$61.40**

**UPDATES**

ComEd

**PRICE TO COMPARE:** The ComEd electric supply price to compare is 9.66 cents per kWh. This price does not include a monthly purchased electricity adjustment factor. For more information and supplier offers visit <https://www.pluginillinois.org/fixerate.aspx>. For more information on ComEd bill line items go to [ComEd.com/UnderstandBill](http://ComEd.com/UnderstandBill).

- The amount of this bill will be automatically deducted from your bank account on February 4, 2026.

Rate to compare  
**9.689 cents**  
 (\$0.09689)

recovery fee to  
 finance the LID

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