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# Take Control of Your Energy Bills with the Home Energy Solutions™ Program

*Reduce your energy costs with on-the-spot money-saving* improvements *with a*
*Home Energy Solutions Assessment*

**New Britain, Conn. (Feb. 29, 2016) –** As a partner of the Energize Connecticut initiative, The United Illuminating Company (UI) is helping Connecticut residents reduce their energy bills and make their homes more comfortable all year long. Those looking to make their homes more energy efficient can create a more comfortable home while simultaneously lowering their energy bills by signing up for the Home Energy Solutions (HES) program.

HES offers on-the-spot weatherization and energy efficiency services to homeowners and renters for immediate savings, as well as incentives and additional resources to further reduce energy use. A home energy assessment is a "physical checkup" determining how much energy a home uses, and is recommended for anyone looking to lower their monthly home energy bills.

"A home energy assessment is highly recommended for anyone looking to make their home safer and more comfortable while lowering their energy costs," said Evan Seretan, Home Energy Solutions senior program manager, The United Illuminating Company. "Certified technicians perform a comprehensive analysis of the home, looking at the home's major sources of energy use, while conducting diagnostic testing to ensure all of the home's systems are performing safely and efficiently."

HES services are provided with a co-pay of only $99 for all customers, and include the following services:

- Comprehensive energy assessment
- Diagnostic testing
- Blower door guided air sealing, and duct sealing
- Installation of energy-saving light bulbs, including LEDs and CFLs
- Installation of water-saving products like low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and hot water pipe wrap
- Educational tips on how to further reduce home energy costs
- Information on rebates and financing for additional upgrades including insulation, windows, appliances and heating and cooling equipment as applicable

By participating in the program, homeowners will also be advised of what additional measures are recommended to make their home perform at the highest level of efficiency and save even more money.

Sealing leaks and adding insulation, for example, are two of the most cost-effective ways to make a home more comfortable and energy-efficient. Nearly half of a home's heat loss is due to poorly insulated attics, ceilings and walls. Combining insulation with air sealing in your home's attic helps to keep heat in your home from escaping into your attic, which can greatly reduce energy use and the occurrence of ice dams during the cold winter months.

"By installing insulation and properly air sealing the home, customers can reduce their heating and cooling costs by as much as 20 percent annually," said Seretan.  Implementing these measures will not only help homeowners save money and improve the overall comfort of their home, it will also help to reduce the occurrence of many common problems, such as:

- Ice damming
- Noise from outside
- Pollen and dust, creating a healthier environment
- Humidity control to provide greater comfort

As part of the Energize Connecticut initiative, the Connecticut Green Bank offers attractive financing options for energy-efficient home improvements to help homeowners enjoy the benefits of smart energy choices right away.

For additional financing opportunities, including those for energy projects, visit EnergizeCT.com or call 877-WISE-USE.

***About Energize Connecticut***
Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

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