

# Smart Grid, Smart Meter, Smart Savings for Cook County Residents



Cook County residents are receiving new smart meters from ComEd, and the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability wants you to know about your new meter and the ways you can help the environment while saving energy and money.



Smart meters communicate wirelessly with the smart grid. This digitally communicated information gives you the power to understand how and when you use energy. The following programs, along with online tools such as high usage alerts and email energy use summaries, can allow you to explore steps to reduce your energy consumption, which can reduce your electric bill.

If you have already received your smart meter:

## ComEd Peak Time Savings

Earn a credit on your bill up to **\$60** a summer when you choose to reduce or delay heavy energy usage on certain hottest days during peak times. There is no cost to enroll and no penalty if you don't participate.

For more details, call (844) 852-0347 or visit [www.comed.com/pts](http://www.comed.com/pts)

## ComEd Hourly Pricing

Electric prices vary hourly, but most people pay a fixed rate. Pay lower rates when demand for energy is low by signing up for this program. On average, you could reduce your electric supply cost by **15%** with hourly pricing compared to what you'd likely pay with ComEd's standard, fixed rates.

For more details, call (888) 202-7787 or visit [hourlypricing.comed.com](http://hourlypricing.comed.com)

Whether or not you have your smart meter, here are opportunities to save:

## Elevate Energy's Home Retrofit Program: Energy Impact Illinois

Receive an in-depth energy assessment from a contractor. Discover what upgrades will benefit you the most and save up to **\$400** a year.

For more details, call (855) 9-IMPACT or visit the [Energy Impact Illinois website](#)

## ComEd, Nicor Gas & Peoples Gas Free Home Energy Assessments

Energy advisors install free energy-efficient products in your home and give tips on next steps.

For ComEd customers, call (855) 433-2700 or visit the [ComED Home Energy Assessment website](#)

For Nicor Gas customers, call (877) 886-4239 or visit the [Nicor Gas Home Energy Assessment website](#)

For Peoples Gas customers, call (844) 367-5867 or visit the [Peoples Gas Home Energy Jumpstart website](#)

For North Shore Gas customers, call (844) 367-5867 or visit the [North Shore Gas Home Energy Jumpstart website](#)

## Smart Thermostat Initiative

Significant rebates on smart thermostats that can cut in half the cost of the device are available through December 31, 2017. Smart thermostats have been found to reduce energy use for home heating and cooling by an average of **8-15%**, which translates to an average of **\$50-\$130** annually.

For more details, visit the [Environmental Law & Policy Center website](#)



For energy-saving tips, visit the following resources:

[Citizens Utility Board](#)  
[Department of Energy](#)

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