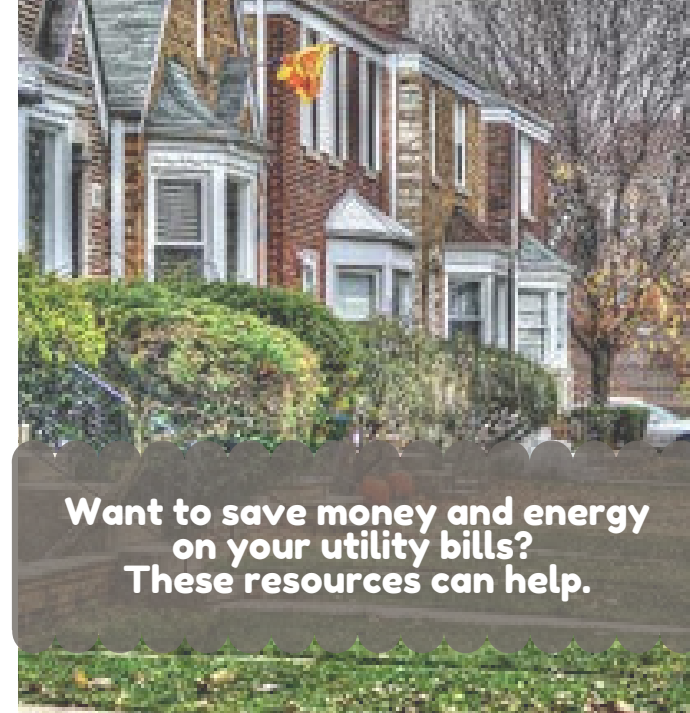


Cook County residents have received smart meters from ComEd, and the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability wants you to know about your new meter and the ways you can help the environment while saving energy and money.

## COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

### SMART SAVINGS FOR COOK COUNTY RESIDENTS



**Want to save money and energy on your utility bills? These resources can help.**

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability wants you to know about ways you can help the environment while saving money.



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### Save with a Smart Thermostat



Smart thermostats have been found to reduce energy use for home heating and cooling by an average of 8-15%, which could save you between \$50-\$130 annually. Smart thermostats connect to the internet and can be controlled by smartphone. Adjusting the temperature inside your home based on your schedule helps save you money. Rebates on smart thermostats that can reduce the cost of the device may be available through ComEd, Nicor Gas, or Northshore Gas.

- ComEd rebate information: <https://bit.ly/2SBUAav>
- Nicor Gas rebate information: <https://bit.ly/3zvjF0E>
- Northshore Gas rebate information: <https://bit.ly/35qBf8e>

### More Ways to Save:

- **ComEd:** <https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **Nicor Gas:** <https://www.nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save.html>
- **Northshore Gas:** <https://www.northshoregasdelivery.com/savings/default>

### What is the smart grid?

The smart grid is a technologically advanced power grid that responds better to electricity demands and is based on two-way communication.

### What can smart meters do?

- Communicate wirelessly with the new smart grid to report outages
- Give you the power to better monitor your energy consumption
- Give you detailed information on how and when you use energy
- Sync up to online tools and alerts

### Want to learn more?

#### Check out these helpful resources.

#### Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability

[www.cookcountyl.gov/service/energy-efficiency](http://www.cookcountyl.gov/service/energy-efficiency)

#### Smart Power Illinois

[www.smartpowerillinois.org](http://www.smartpowerillinois.org)

#### Smart Power Illinois YouTube

[tinyurl.com/ngdfzk5](http://tinyurl.com/ngdfzk5)

#### Citizens Utility Board

[www.citizensutilityboard.org](http://www.citizensutilityboard.org)

#### Elevate Energy

[www.elevateenergy.org](http://www.elevateenergy.org)

## WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY RIGHT NOW



**Mix and match programs to use energy smarter while maintaining comfort and convenience at home. The more you participate, the more you save. Learn what your options are and determine which programs are right for you.**

### ComEd Peak Time Savings

Earn up to \$60 in credit on your bill each summer you participate by choosing to reduce or delay heavy energy usage on certain hottest days during peak times.

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

### ComEd Central AC Cycling

Participate by allowing ComEd to remotely cycle your air conditioner on and off during high demand days in the summer to effortlessly earn a \$20 or \$40 credit on your bill each summer. The compressor cycles on and off, while the fan stays on to circulate already cooled air to keep you comfortable.

For more information, call (800) 986-0070 or visit

<https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/CentralACCycling.aspx>

### 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)

### Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Rebates

Save Money with energy efficiency. You deserve to save energy without sacrificing comfort. Nicor Gas rebates for efficient equipment can make it more affordable to upgrade, so you can stay comfortable year-round.

For more details, visit

<https://www.nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save.html>



**Your home's heating and cooling is typically your largest energy expense. An energy assessment looks at how you use energy in your home and finds ways to save on your bills and make your home comfortable. Rebates and incentives can make efficiency investments more affordable.**

### 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.

- ComEd customers, (855) 433-2700 or [www.comed.com/waystosave/foryourhome](http://www.comed.com/waystosave/foryourhome)
- Nicor Gas customers, (877) 886-4239 or <https://nicorgasrebates.com/your-home/home-assessments>
- Peoples Gas customers, (855) 849-8928 or [http://www.peoplesgasdelivery.com/home/rebates\\_residential.aspx](http://www.peoplesgasdelivery.com/home/rebates_residential.aspx)
- North Shore Gas customers, (855) 849-8928 or <https://accel.northshoregasdelivery.com/home/saving.aspx>

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