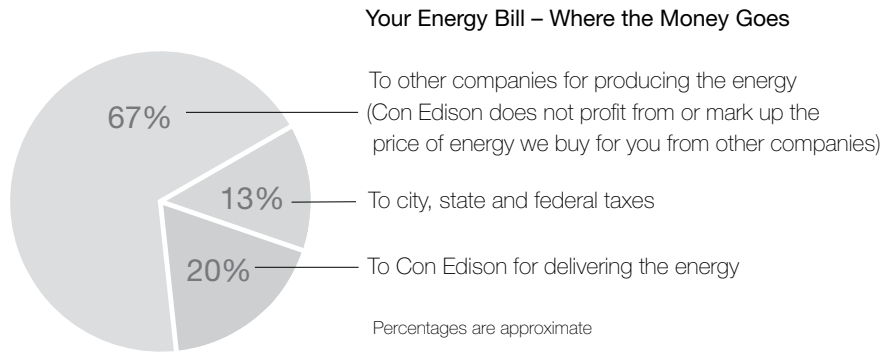


# Energy bills: Just the facts.

Energy costs are higher than usual these days, due mainly to steep increases in the price of fuel. In fact, 67% of your Con Edison gas bill goes to purchasing natural gas from other companies.



These cold weather ideas can help you cope:

## CONSERVE

- Seal leaks around windows and doors with caulk or weather stripping.
- Keep drapes or furniture away from heat sources so heat can flow freely.
- Open curtains and let the sun warm rooms; close them at night to keep heat in.
- Close doors and warm-air vents in unused rooms.
- For more energy tips, visit [www.conEd.com](http://www.conEd.com). Also learn more about conservation and how to get assistance with energy-efficient improvements at [www.getenergysmart.org](http://www.getenergysmart.org) (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority - NYSERDA)

## GET HELP

- Call **1-800-75-CONED** if you're having trouble paying your energy bill.
- Ask about our Level Payment Plan, which spreads payments evenly over the year so colder months are less of a burden.
- If you're income-eligible, you can get help from the Con Edison-sponsored EnergyShare fund at **1-877-480-SHARE**, or the Federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) at **1-800-692-0557** in New York City or **1-914-995-5619** in Westchester County.

## STAY SAFE

- **Never** use your kitchen gas range or oven to heat your home. It can cause a fire or create lethal carbon monoxide gas.
- **Never** extinguish a pilot light. It could lead to a dangerous gas leak.
- Report any gas leaks immediately to Con Edison at **1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633)**.

