

ComEd is building a smart grid and installing smart meters in Cook County. This new technology can help you save money by enabling you to monitor and control your energy use. Whether or not you have received your smart meter, there are energy efficiency programs available that reward smart energy use with lower bills.

### 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

### What is the installation process?

Installation is occurring in Cook County now through 2018. You'll receive notice prior to installation via phone, your monthly bill and a door hanger at your residence.

- The uniformed meter installer will not ask to see your electric bill
- Make sure the installer has access to the meter
- If they can't access your meter after three attempts, you will see a fee on your bill each month

### Want to learn more?

Check out these helpful resources.

**Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability**

[www.cookcountyiil.gov/service/energy-efficiency](http://www.cookcountyiil.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**

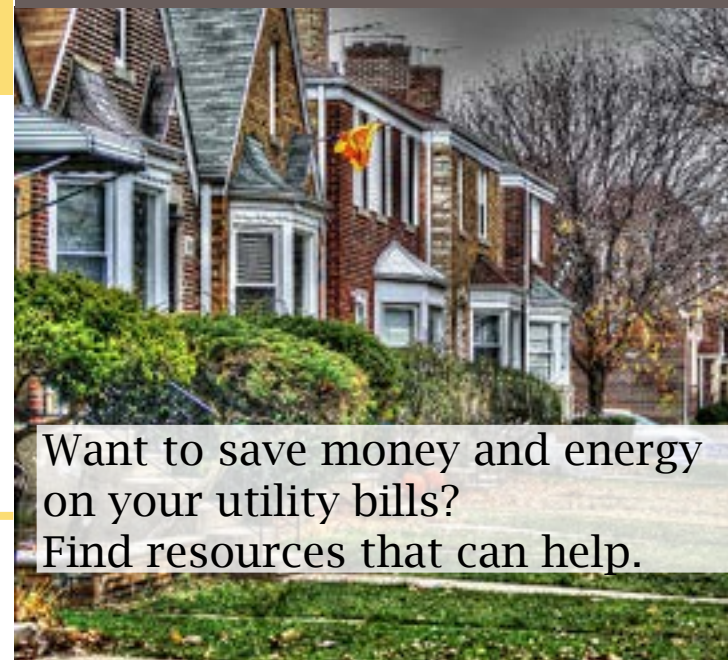
[www.elevateenergy.org](http://www.elevateenergy.org)

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# Smart Savings for Cook County Residents



Want to save money and energy on your utility bills? Find resources that can help.

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability wants you to know about ways you can help the environment while saving money. The more you participate, the more you save. Learn what your options are and determine which programs are right for you.

# New Pricing Options

With a new smart meter, you can manage your energy use with online tools and price alerts.

## 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)



# Ways to Save Energy and Money Right Now

You don't need to wait for your new smart meter to start saving now. Mix and match programs to use energy smarter while maintaining comfort and convenience at home.

## ComEd Central AC Cycling

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

For more information, call (800) 986-0070 or visit [www.comed.com/smartenergy/programsservices/pages/centralaccycling.aspx](http://www.comed.com/smartenergy/programsservices/pages/centralaccycling.aspx)

Your home's heating and cooling typically accounts for your largest energy expense. With an energy assessment, learn how you can reduce this expense and other expenses and make your home more comfortable. Rebates, incentives, certifications and loans can help pay back efficiency investments.

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

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

For more details, call (855) 9-IMPACT or visit [www.energyimpactillinois.org](http://www.energyimpactillinois.org)

## 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 [www.comed.com/waystosave/foryourhome](http://www.comed.com/waystosave/foryourhome)

For Nicor Gas customers, call (877) 886-4239 or visit [www.nicorgasrebates.com/your-home](http://www.nicorgasrebates.com/your-home)

For Peoples Gas customers, call (855) 849-8928 or visit <https://accel.peoplesgasdelivery.com/home/saving.aspx>

For North Shore Gas customers, call (855) 849-8928 or visit <https://accel.northshoregasdelivery.com/home/saving.aspx>

## Smart Thermostat Initiative

Significant rebates on smart thermostats that can cut in half the cost of the device are available through December 31, 2019. 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 [www.elpc.org/smartthermostatsinfo](http://www.elpc.org/smartthermostatsinfo)

