

## General Resources

**NEW**

Howard County Library System:

Howard County Library System now lends laptops and hotspots. Contact your [local branch](#) for more information.

[Internet Essentials](#) from Comcast brings affordable high-speed Internet to your home. You may qualify if you are eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, and others.

[Library Event Schedule](#)

**NEW**

## Consumer Credit Counseling Services

They are offering free web-based financial literacy workshops directed towards increasing the economic strength of communities and individuals. Registration is required. To register, click the [link](#) next to the date and time you wish to attend. Contact us for registration assistance: [www.cccsmd.org](http://www.cccsmd.org) or call (800) 642-2227.

**NEW**

## Clothing Drive from Neediest Kid and COAD

Howard County Public Schools has partnered with Neediest Kids and COAD to provide an opportunity for families in need to receive some new, free clothing on June 26th and June 27th. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Tax prep help from Making Changes:

Making Changes, a nonprofit in Howard County which empowers individuals and families to achieve financial stability is hosting free tax preparation. For more information, please call 410-234-8008 or visit [makingchangecenter.org](http://makingchangecenter.org) to schedule an appointment.

## Comcast Accessibility Brochure

<https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

## Energy Assistance

**Howard County Energy and utility Bill assistance:** For households who lost income during COVID 19. There are several utility programs to assist clients such as the Maryland Energy Assistance Program. Electric Universal service Program  
Electric Gas Retirement Assistance Program

[Energy Assistance](#)

**The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP)** provides bill assistance to low-income households in the State of Maryland to make their energy costs more affordable and to help with the prevention of loss and the restoration of home energy service.

Energy assistance will not reduce the amount of any other public assistance benefits you receive, such as TCA or Food Stamps. Nor will it reduce Social Security benefits.

<https://dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/>

**The Fuel Fund of Maryland** aims to be a lifeline for Maryland neighbors struggling with a home utility hardship. They assist by providing navigation through an array of financial and community resources that empower, engage, and safely connect a household in times of crisis.

Applications and additional information on eligibility can be found at the Fuel Fund of Maryland [fuelfundmaryland.org/apply](http://fuelfundmaryland.org/apply).

## Utility Assistance

### **New Life Mennonite Church**

9580 Old Route 108  
Ellicott City MD 21042  
410-489-9735

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

OVERVIEW: Provides food gift cards and utility assistance to residents in need.

SERVICES:

- 1) EMERGENCY FOOD: Provides food gift cards to those in need by appointment only.
- 2) UTILITY ASSISTANCE: Provides up to \$50 for residents with BGE turn-off notices, to anyone in need, regardless of income. Will work-out payment directly with BGE.

\*Services can only be utilized once every six months.

Eligibility

Anyone in need.

Documents Required

Call for information.

Area Served

Howard County

[Economic Impact Payments for Americans experiencing Homelessness.](#)

Americans without a permanent address qualify for a one-time \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment. (No Income is required to claim the payment)

[One Month's Rent](#) Initiative pays one month's rent or a security deposit for Howard County, Maryland residents who are threatened with losing their housing due to a personal, economic, or medical crisis. We simply ask that recipients help someone else with housing sometime during their lifetime. If you need help please call the CAC at (410) 313 6440 to apply.

Veterans or Persons with Disabilities with Dependent Children can apply for additional economic impact payments. You may be eligible for [additional Economic Impact Benefits](#) of \$500 per child added to the standard \$1,200 Economic Impact Benefit.