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# RESOURCES FOR BLUE ISLAND HOMEOWNERS

Call 2-1-1 for the Chicago/Cook County Resource Hotline, a free, 24/7/365 service that can connect you to essential health and social services.

## **WEATHERIZATION:**

Metro Chicago

- CEDA: Community & Economic Development Association
   Weatherization: 1-800-571-2332 (call during business hours: 9am 5pm) or go to their website at <a href="https://www.cedaorg.net/find-services/home-weatherization/">https://www.cedaorg.net/find-services/home-weatherization/</a>
   Free cold weather-proofing for your home before the winter.
- Chicago Bungalow Association— Home Energy Savings Program: call 312-675-0300 or apply at <a href="https://www.chicagobungalow.org/energy-savers">https://www.chicagobungalow.org/energy-savers</a>
  Free home energy assessment & weatherization for Cook County Residents.

#### **OTHER HOUSING SERVICES:**

- Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF): Mortgage assistance up to \$60,000 for those who have experienced financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Call 866-454-3571 or email <a href="mailto:hafquestions@ihda.org">hafquestions@ihda.org</a>
- **Neighborhood Housing Services**: 773-329-4123 call this number for your local agent *Deferred, forgivable loans to buy, fix, or keep a home.*

#### **SENIOR SERVICES:**

Blue Island Senior Citizen's Office: Call 708-597-8608, fax 708-396-7062, or visit <a href="http://www.blueisland.org/government/city-departments/senior-citizens-office/">http://www.blueisland.org/government/city-departments/senior-citizens-office/</a>.
 Nutritious, affordable meals through Salvation Army, income tax assitance, emergency assistance references, flu shot inquiries, a free ride program, and other resources.

#### **DISABILITY:**

• Ramp Up UCP Seguin: Call 708-444-8460 ext. 230 or visit <a href="https://ucpseguin.org/what-we-do/accessibility-services/ramp\_up.html">https://ucpseguin.org/what-we-do/accessibility-services/ramp\_up.html</a>
Helps eligible homeowners with disabilities find funding for ramp construction.

## IF YOUR GAS / ELECTRICITY/WATER IS TURNED OFF:

CEDA LIHEAP/LIHWAP: 1-800-571-2332 (call during business hours: 9am - 5pm) or go to their website at <a href="https://www.cedaorg.net/find-services/gas-and-electric/">https://www.cedaorg.net/find-services/gas-and-electric/</a>
 Utility bill assistance program — one-time benefit, monthly assistance, and past due balance forgiveness.

## **FORECLOSURE:**

- Homeownership Preservation Foundation: 1-800-955-HOPE Free HUD-Approved counselors to help you find alternatives to foreclosure.
- Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago: 312-341-1070 or go here: <a href="http://www.lafchicago.org/content/view/66/95/">http://www.lafchicago.org/content/view/66/95/</a>
   LAF handles various types of homeownership/foreclosure cases.

## **MAYOR'S OFFICE:**

 Blue Island Mayor's Office: 708-597-8603 or go to <a href="https://www.blueisland.org/government/mayors-office/">https://www.blueisland.org/government/mayors-office/</a>. 13051 Greenwood Ave, Blue Island, IL 60406

## **FOOD RESOURCES:**

- TSA: Blue Island Food Pantry: Distribution Wednesdays 9am-2pm. Call 708-332-0107 for more information.
- Blue Cap Food Pantry: Distribution Tuesdays 9am-2pm. Call 708-389-6578 ext. 102 for more information.