



THE LEGAL ADVISOR

The official newsletter of Scranton Road Legal Clinic



He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that everyone he has made may know his work, he stops all people from their labor.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU CAN'T PAY YOUR UTILITIES

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The winter can be a hard time for everyone, especially for those facing a loss in basic utilities for various reasons. While there is not often a direct legal path to argue against a shut off, we can help refer you to the resources that you need or draft a letter on your behalf if possible. The best resource for any issues in Cuyahoga County, is Cleveland Housing Network. their number is 216-774-2386.

The regular Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for low-income consumers and the Percent of Income Payment Plan Plus provide year-round financial assistance to qualifying consumers. You may qualify for a one-time payment toward your gas bill and a payment plan based on your income on both your gas and electric bills. If you are already enrolled in PIPP and HEAP, you must continue to make monthly payments in order to remain eligible again next year.

Customers of the Cleveland Water Department may be eligible for the Water Affordability Program, which provides a 40% discount to qualifying households. You must be the homeowner, live in the home, and meet income guidelines to qualify. You can call Cleveland Housing Network at 216-774-2386 to apply or download an application from their website.

**COMMON LEGAL
MISCONCEPTION**



MYTH: CONTRACTS MUST BE WRITTEN

The truth is that not all contracts have to be in writing. An oral contract can and will be enforced in court unless there is a specific law that requires the particular type of contract to be in writing (i.e. sales of goods over \$500, or sales of real estate)

SNAP FOR \$1 ADMISSION

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients receive \$1 admission for up to four total guests per EBT card to various Cleveland museums. All that is required is a SNAP EBT card and personal identification, for the \$1 rate. (Payment is not made with your EBT card; it serves as proof of SNAP only.)

Museums include the: Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland History Center, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, and Shaker Historical Society and Museum. Other Ohio museums, including ones in Akron and Columbus, and 700 locations around the nation, honor a SNAP discount for admission of up to \$3 or a discounted rate.

For more information visit: <https://museums4all.org/participating-museums/>

Earlier in January, a new website was launched www.COVIDTests.gov, a website where people can order free at-home COVID test kits. Each household can request four COVID-19 tests, delivered by the Postal Service. People can also order tests via hotline -- 1-800-232-0233 -- if they can't access the website.

UNUSUAL LAWS

Strange Laws Around the US (Ohio)

- In Maine, It is illegal to sell a car on Sunday unless it comes equipped with plumbing.
- Posting signs at swimming pools is illegal in Akron.
- The installation and usage of slot machines in outhouses is prohibited in Bexley, OH.



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