

NYS HOMES & COMMUNITY RENEWAL WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) is committed to reducing energy costs for low-income families, particularly the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes and ensuring their health and safety.

WAP is funded annually by the US Department of Energy. In addition, the program also receives funds from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Weatherization is for **EVERYONE**! Weatherization can be done on all homes! Whether you rent (with landlord permission), live in multifamily units, or own, or are on land contract, or life use!

After approval of the application, the Energy Auditor will conduct a comprehensive professional building analysis of the applicant's home and, based on that analysis and available funds, will install, or have installed weatherization measures in the home which have been determined to be the most cost-effective in reducing energy consumption while increasing comfort and improving health and safety standards.

To put it simply, we install measures that will reduce your electric and gas bills, while keeping your home airtight, warm, and healthy. We want to help save **YOU** money!

The measures which may be indicated by the building analysis fall into five major categories:

1. Heating efficiency measures: To improve the heating system in the home, which may include cleaning and tuning of the heating appliance; repairs, modifications, and replacements as needed; and work on the heating distribution system (ducts).
2. Infiltration measures: To keep warm air in and cold air out of the home. (Air Sealing) To put it simply we seal any holes in the "envelope" of your home. Examples are piping and wiring holes, gaps in the foundations, door seals or replacements, unconnected vents, etc..
3. Conduction measures: Insulation measures to reduce the conduction of heat from the interior to the exterior of the home. We insulate your home where needed.
4. Repairs: Any repairs that are needed to preserve or protect the weatherization materials installed. Some examples include but are not limited to sealing trailer belly's, attic hatch insulation, ceiling repairs, door or window repair or replacement (very rarely replaced), etc.
5. Health and safety: Mitigation of health and safety concerns in the home or, at least, to notify residents of their presence. We test all combustion (fuel powered) furnace, hot water tanks and stoves to ensure there is no back drafting of fumes or Carbon Monoxide into your home. Along with checking they are running properly. We check for friable (dangerous) asbestos. We test and replace or repair ventilation fans to ensure enough fresh air is coming into the home to keep all residents healthy, along with moisture down.
6. Base load measures: To reduce electrical consumption. Some examples are refrigerator replacement, heating system replacement, Hot water tank replacement, led light bulbs, and reduce flow showerheads.

Every home is different - A trained Energy Auditor will determine how to best save money and energy for you! Contact energy@proactioninc.org or call 607-776-2125