

The 3 W's of Weatherization

What...is weatherization?

Weatherization makes sure that your home holds heat or air conditioning in, while keeping cold or hot air out. This can be as simple as repairing a broken window or as complex as replacing your furnace.

Why...should I weatherize my home?

Not only will weatherization make your home more comfortable, it will save you money! By weatherizing your home, you are keeping your house at a constant temperature. Without it, your home could lose heat or air conditioning, making your units work harder to maintain a consistent temperature, increasing your utility costs.

Who...can I call for weatherization assistance?

Through its Division of Housing and Community Resources, DCA offers the Weatherization Assistance program and the Home Energy Assistance program.

Weatherization Assistance
(609) 984-3301

Home Energy Assistance Program
1-800-510-3102
1-866-240-1347

DCA's **Division of Housing and Community Resources** provides training and financial and technical assistance to municipalities, community action agencies and other organizations, focusing on downtown business development, neighborhood improvement, community and economic development and infrastructure improvements. The Division also provides assistance to community-based nonprofit and local government agencies to improve the quality of life for low-income, disabled and disadvantaged residents.



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Greetings from the Department of Community Affairs



Americans spend more than \$160 billion a year to heat, cool, light and live in our homes, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. By the year 2015, our national home energy costs are expected to rise to \$200 billion, depleting more of our natural resources than ever before. We can break that cycle by becoming more knowledgeable about how we use – and conserve – energy in our daily lives.

One of the places we consume the most energy is in the home. The most obvious reason for high energy bills is the rising price of electricity or heating fuel. But high energy bills also result from inefficient household components such as windows, heating and cooling equipment, and insulation.

The Department of Community Affairs can help make your home more energy-efficient and comfortable through its Weatherization and Home Energy Assistance Programs. The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income families, senior citizens and disabled residents permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient and comfortable year-round.

This brochure will explain why you should weatherize your home, how to go about doing it and who you should call for additional information. We encourage you to take advantage of all of the resources available through both the state and federal governments.

By implementing energy efficient improvements, many households could save as much as 20 to 30 percent on their energy bills. Energy efficient homes help protect the environment and are less costly to own, operate and maintain. And best of all, energy efficient homes improve the quality of our lives by allowing us to enjoy the true comforts of home.

How Will I Know If My Home Needs Weatherization?

What to look for...

- Compare your utility bills to last year's bills.
- Look for "leaks" near windows, doors, baseboards, walls and ceiling joints.
- Check insulated areas - make sure there is enough insulation throughout the entire area.
- Make sure doors and windows close correctly.

What Help Is Available?

> Weatherization Assistance Program

This program works with community-based agencies to help seniors, disabled residents and low-income households weatherize their homes to improve heating system efficiency, conserve energy and decrease utility bills. The program also provides funds to pay heating bills under emergency circumstances.

The Weatherization Program can provide you with tools such as...

- Insulation
- Caulking
- Weather stripping
- Assistance to repair or replace windows, furnace/boiler, heat exchanger or distribution systems

For more information or to find out if you're eligible, call (609) 984-3301.

> Home Energy Assistance (HEA) Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program helps very low-income residents with their heating and cooling bills, and makes provisions for emergency heating system services and emergency fuel assistance within the Home Energy Assistance Program. To be eligible, the applicant household must be responsible for home heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent; and have gross income at or below 225% of the federal poverty level.

For more information or to find out if you are eligible, please call our toll-free hotline at 1-866-240-1347.

For more information about weatherization programs in your county, call:

Atlantic
732-244-8176

Mercer
609-989-6858

Bergen
201-968-0200

Middlesex
732-828-4541

Burlington
609-239-4005

Monmouth
732-774-3100

Camden
856-910-1180

Morris
973-366-1131
973-539-2121

Cape May
609-522-0231

Ocean
732-244-9041

Cumberland
856-455-5900

Passaic
973-472-3501

Essex
(All Essex County)
973-485-0701

City of Paterson **Only**
973-279-2333

Gloucester
856-455-5900

Salem
856-935-0944

Hudson
Only City of Bayonne
201-437-7222

Somerset
908-454-7000
732-846-9888

Hudson
(Excluding Bayonne)
201-864-3774

Sussex
908-454-7000

Hunterdon
908-454-7000

Union
908-351-7727

Warren
908-454-7000