

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps lower energy costs for income-eligible households.

WEATHERIZATION

- helps reduce energy costs;
- conserves energy;
- increases comfort in the home;
- improves safety and health standards;
- preserves housing stock; and
- provides jobs.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The weatherization program has four steps:

1. An application is submitted to the local service provider to determine program eligibility;
2. An energy audit of the home is conducted to identify needs;
3. The home is weatherized; and
4. Home is inspected to assure quality of work completed.

WHAT SERVICES ARE INCLUDED?

Services might include but are not limited to:

- air sealing of cracks and holes to reduce heat loss;
- insulation of attics and walls;
- heating system repairs or replacement;
- providing efficient lighting and refrigeration;
- window and/or outside door repair or replacement; and;
- minor repairs which are needed to ensure maximum efficiency of the weatherization services performed.

WHO DOES THE WORK?

Program services are delivered through the NYS Homes and Community Renewal's (HCR) statewide network of local service providers who may use their own licensed crews or hire local private contractors to perform the work.

WHAT IS THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIALS USED?

HCR requires providers to purchase and use materials that meet state and federal government standards. HCR offers providers training in quality control and material use.

IS THERE A CHARGE FOR WEATHERIZATION SERVICES?

All services are provided without cost to the occupant of the home. However, owners of rental buildings must invest funds toward the cost of weatherization services performed on their property.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR WEATHERIZATION SERVICES?

Eligibility is based on household income relative to federal low-income guidelines. If a household contains a member who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Public Assistance, Food Stamps, or Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits, the household is considered automatically eligible for

ARE RENTERS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?

Yes, applications are accepted from renters, homeowners, and rental property owners.

WHAT TYPE OF HOME IS ELIGIBLE?

An eligible home might be a manufactured or single-family home, apartment building or a single room occupied as separate living quarters.

CAN THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELP ME FIND OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY AID?

Yes. Local providers are knowledgeable in the assistance programs from such agencies as the NYS Office for the Aging, the Office for Temporary and Disability Assistance, and gas and electric utility companies. Weatherization staff may help you apply for grants or loans from these agencies and others.

WHO FUNDS THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM?

HCR's Weatherization Assistance Program is funded annually by the US Department of Energy. In addition, HCR receives funds for Weatherization activities from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Contact a local service provider in your county for program information and an application. You can also contact the HCR Regional Office which serves your county. Contacts are listed below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

HCR REGIONAL OFFICE

BUFFALO REGION
Electric Tower, Suite 105
535 Washington Street
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Phone: 716-847-7955
Counties Served: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

ERIE COUNTY
City of Buffalo Only - Neighborhood Housing Services of South Buffalo, Inc.
(716) 837-0071
City of Buffalo Only - Lt. Colonel Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western NY
(716) 893-7222
Supportive Services Inc.
(716) 685-6252
GENESEE COUNTY
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