

# Community Action



## Weatherization Program

Helping families in need stay safe and warm



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Community Action provides cost-free weatherization services to income-qualified residents (homeowners and renters) of Washington County. The goal of the weatherization program is to provide services that help families lower their utility bills and stay warmer, safer and more comfortable.



### Baseload/Self-Help Weatherization

During a home visit by our energy educator/auditor, you will receive energy-saving tips, free efficient lighting and other materials. Your refrigerator will also be evaluated for possible replacement with a free Energy Star® model.



### Services for Renters, Homeowners, & Landlords

- Management companies, owners of rental property, individual homeowners and renters may call for weatherization services.
- Once you request weatherization services, a qualified staff member will contact you to discuss energy-saving techniques and weatherization needs. You will receive postcards from Community Action updating you on the status of your request.
- If you live in multi-family housing, Community Action staff will work with the property owner to determine if the entire complex is eligible for refrigerator replacement and weatherization.



### Comprehensive Weatherization

Comprehensive Weatherization uses private contractors to install major insulation measures. These may include attic, under-floor, wall, and duct insulation.

- If you rent, your landlord's permission is needed to complete any work on your home. Please call the weatherization office with the name, address and phone number of your building owner. Community Action's weatherization office will contact them with program information.
- Owners and renters with landlord approval receive a visit from our trained staff to determine what energy saving measures will be installed.
- We select a licensed private weatherization contractor to install the most effective energy savings measures.
- Community Action weatherization staff returns to complete a final inspection of the work.

## Tips for a Cozier House & Lower Energy Bills

- Set your thermostat at 68° (or as low as possible) during the day and 50° to 55° at night and when you are gone.
- Set your water heater at 120°.
- Have your water heater wrapped if in unheated space.
- Wash clothes with cold water.
- Installing efficient compact fluorescent lighting can save you money.
- Installing an efficient shower head can save you 8 to 12 gallons of water each time you shower. Shorter showers also help save hot water.
- Change furnace filters every two months in heating season.
- Set your refrigerator at 38° to 40°. Defrost freezer after more than 1/4" of ice accumulates.
- Keep furniture, drapes, etc., clear from air-circulating registers and baseboard heaters.
- Keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use. A damper, glass doors or a plug can save 10% on energy costs.
- Heating the house with the oven is dangerous, costly and ineffective.

## Our Promise

*Community Action changes peoples lives,  
embodies the spirit of hope,  
improves communities & makes America  
a better place to live.*

*We care about the entire community  
and are dedicated to helping individuals  
help themselves & each other.*

### Weatherization Program

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