

HOW DO I APPLY FOR WEATHERIZATION?

It is easy to find out if you are eligible and to apply for weatherization. Usually you can do it in a weatherization agency near your home.

- Am I Eligible?
- How does the process work?
- Frequently asked questions

Am I Eligible?

As many as 20 to 30 million U.S. families are eligible for weatherization services nationwide. Services are provided by the states, and each state has slightly different criteria. All energy services are handled by local weatherization agencies.

If you receive Supplemental Security Income or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, you are automatically eligible to receive weatherization services. In other cases, priority is given to:

- People over 60 years of age
- Families with one or more members with a disability
- Families with children (in most states).

One of the primary factors affecting eligibility is income.

**2009 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES (FPG)
ANNUAL & MONTHLY INCOME LEVELS
FROM 100% to 250%**

FAMILY SIZE	FPG (100%)		125% of FPG		150% of FPG		175% of FPG		185% of FPG		200% of FPG		235% of FPG		250% of FPG	
	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH
1	\$10,830	\$903	\$13,538	\$1,128	\$16,245	\$1,354	\$18,953	\$1,579	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$21,660	\$1,805	\$25,451	\$2,121	\$27,075	\$2,256
2	\$14,570	\$1,214	\$18,213	\$1,518	\$21,855	\$1,821	\$25,498	\$2,125	\$26,955	\$2,246	\$29,140	\$2,428	\$34,240	\$2,853	\$36,425	\$3,035
3	\$18,310	\$1,526	\$22,888	\$1,907	\$27,465	\$2,289	\$32,043	\$2,670	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$36,620	\$3,052	\$43,029	\$3,586	\$45,775	\$3,815
4	\$22,050	\$1,838	\$27,563	\$2,297	\$33,075	\$2,756	\$38,588	\$3,216	\$40,793	\$3,399	\$44,100	\$3,675	\$51,818	\$4,318	\$55,125	\$4,594
5	\$25,790	\$2,149	\$32,238	\$2,687	\$38,685	\$3,224	\$45,133	\$3,761	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$51,580	\$4,298	\$60,607	\$5,051	\$64,475	\$5,373
6	\$29,530	\$2,461	\$36,913	\$3,076	\$44,295	\$3,691	\$51,678	\$4,307	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$59,060	\$4,922	\$69,396	\$5,783	\$73,825	\$6,152
7	\$33,270	\$2,773	\$41,588	\$3,466	\$49,905	\$4,159	\$58,223	\$4,852	\$61,550	\$5,129	\$66,540	\$5,545	\$78,185	\$6,515	\$83,175	\$6,931
8	\$37,010	\$3,084	\$46,263	\$3,855	\$55,515	\$4,626	\$64,768	\$5,397	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$74,020	\$6,168	\$86,974	\$7,248	\$92,525	\$7,710
*	\$3,740	\$312	\$4,675	\$390	\$5,610	\$468	\$6,545	\$545	\$6,919	\$577	\$7,480	\$623	\$8,789	\$732	\$9,350	\$779

*For family units over 8, add the amount shown for each additional member.

- If you are eligible, your weatherization agency puts you on a waiting list.
- If you rent, you must get permission from your landlord.
- People most in need are often moved to the top of the waiting list.

Professional energy consultation

- Analysis of your energy bills
- Test the infiltration of outside air with a blower door
- Inspect equipment for health and safety
- List the most cost-effective energy conservation measures for your home.
- Workers arrive
- DCED schedules work.



- All work is energy-related. Work does not include new roofing, siding, windows, or similar.
- Work is typically completed in a day or two.
- You sign off on final inspection.

Frequently Asked Questions About Eligibility and Applying for Weatherization

Low-income families often have a number of questions as to how to apply for weatherization assistance.

If I rent, can I still apply?

Whether you own or rent, you can apply for assistance. If you rent, you must get written permission from your landlord before weatherization services can be performed.

If my income is within these national guidelines, will I be guaranteed to receive weatherization services?

Not necessarily. You will need to check your states particular guidelines. Funding can also be an issue because Congress allocates a certain amount of funding for the program on a national level, and it varies from year to year. Please be patient if you are put on a waiting list. Your home will be weatherized as soon as possible.

What happens to my home during the Weatherization Process?

The first step in the process is for your local weatherization agency to carry out an energy audit. This agency is a nonprofit weatherization organization, local governmental agency, or sometimes a contractor trained in home energy services. The energy audit is a computerized assessment of your home's energy use and an analysis of which energy conservation measures are best for your home.

Once the audit is complete, the auditor or inspector from the local weatherization agency will meet with you and your family to explain how the work crews will conduct the work. Depending on your needs, the inspector will recommend more work in some homes than in others. Throughout the weatherization process, the health and safety of your family remain a priority. Following weatherization, an inspector will return to make certain that everything is working properly and that nothing was missed.

How will I benefit by participating in this program?

Weatherization reduces your energy bills for a long time. Some measures, such as insulating your walls or roof, for example, will continue to provide you savings for the lifetime of your house—30 years or more. Others, such as making your heating or cooling equipment more efficient, will provide savings for 10 to 15 years. On average, the value of the weatherization improvement to your house is 2.2 times greater than the cost of the improvement itself.

