

# WHAT IS THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?


The Weatherization Assistance Program began in 1976 as a way to combat high energy bills for America's most vulnerable citizens. The U.S. Department of Energy grants funding to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which then contracts with local agencies to deliver weatherization services to eligible residents in every part of the commonwealth. The Weatherization Assistance Program qualification is income-based and gives priority to the elderly, people with disabilities and families with children.

You could qualify for the Weatherization Deferral Repair (WDR) Program which funds eligible repairs needed to make the home "weatherization ready," after which clients may receive available services through the Weatherization Program.



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# REDUCE ENERGY BILLS AND SAVE MONEY.

Reduces energy costs for low-income families by improving the efficiency of their homes.



# SAVE ENERGY, SAFEGUARD HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Agencies install cost-effective measures to reduce home energy consumption in hot and cold climates.



- High energy costs are an excessive burden on low-income families.
- By lowering energy bills for low-income families, weatherization increases their self-sufficiency.
- Weatherization measures are delivered to single-family homes, multi-family dwellings and mobile homes.
- The Weatherization Assistance Program does not offer assistance with paying utility bills, but instead aims to reduce the overall cost and energy of heating and cooling

- Weatherization technicians use energy audits to determine which energy efficiency measures are most appropriate and cost-effective for each home.
- Typical measures include installing insulation, reducing air leakage, performing tune-ups and repairs to heating and cooling systems, and replacing incandescent lighting with energy-efficient bulbs.
- Weatherization crews also address energy-related health and safety conditions, particularly carbon monoxide and combustion safety.

# FIND YOUR LOCAL PROVIDER

You will be required to provide the following information:

Proof of income to determine if your household qualifies

Verification of home ownership or landlord approval

Number of household members, including elderly, children or persons with disabilities

Copies of utility bills

