Concerned about the rising cost of heating your Heating Heating this winter



The Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center administers the

Low-Income Weatherization Program.

Low-income Missouri residents with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty levels, especially the elderly, the physically disadvantaged and families with children, may be eligible for assistance. Energy-efficient improvements may include: reducing air leaks; increasing insulation in the walls, attic, floor and foundation; heating system "clean and tune"; heating system repair and replacement; and minimal building envelope repairs. Studies show that weatherization reduces average annual energy costs by \$413 per household at

current prices. This can reduce the burden of high energy costs faced by low-income residents and help them catch up on overdue utility bills.

The Weatherization Program creates energy-related benefits:

- Energy savings average for gas-heated homes is 23 percent of pre-weatherization consumption.
- Weatherization decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 18 million barrels of oil annually.
- U.S. Department of Energy studies conclude that the cost-benefit ratio of direct energy reduction is \$2.72 for each dollar invested in weatherization.

The Weatherization Program creates non-energy benefits:

- For participating households: increased property values.
- For individuals: money is made available for other basic necessities, medicine or groceries.
- For utility companies and ratepayers: reduced costs for bill collection and service shut-offs.
- For the local economy: energy efficiency work creates jobs.
- For national security: decreased dependence on foreign oil.
- For the environment: reduced need for combustion of fossil fuels and resulting emissions into the atmosphere.

For more information about the program, please review the weatherization assistance map on the back to find the community action agency that serves your county, or contact the Energy Center at 800-361-4827 for assistance.

For additional information, please visit energysavers.gov for practical tips on conserving energy in your home.



Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program Service Areas



