

## Did You Know...

- Home heating alone often accounts for more than 60% of your total energy bill
- Insulation lowers heating bills, keeps the house warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer
- Hot water dripping from a faucet can cost hundreds of dollars a year
- Turning off lights when you leave a room – even for 5 minutes – saves energy
- Most of the energy consumed by washing machines goes into heating the water
- Venting your dryer outside will reduce drying time, save money, and reduce the potential for mold growth
- An older refrigerator uses more than 3 times the energy of newer models
- Many home appliances use electricity even when they are turned off but still plugged in

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# Energy Services



**Weatherization  
Energy Opportunities**



## Weatherization

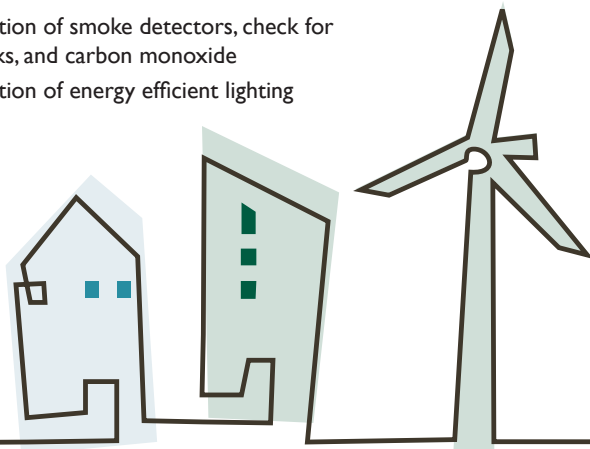
Weatherization is a home energy conservation program for low-income homeowners and renters that can reduce home heating and electric usage. In addition to saving household energy dollars, the program provides more comfortable, safer, and energy efficient homes and reduces our carbon footprint and demand for foreign oil.

### What Does Weatherization Do?

**Complete Home Energy Assessment:** Using state-of-the-art equipment, such as blower-door testing and infrared scanning, the program identifies areas of the home that need upgrades to improve energy efficiency. By addressing deficiencies, such as air leakages, insulation, and high energy usage appliances, households will reduce fuel and utility usage, save money, and make their home more comfortable during the winter months and throughout the rest of year.

**Weatherization of the Home:** Trained personnel install measures to address energy deficiencies in a home. Services vary based on needs identified from the energy assessment, but may include:

- Insulating walls and/or attics
- Weather-stripping and caulking around doors and windows
- Testing, cleaning, repair, replacement, or conversion of heating systems
- Replacement of high energy usage appliances
- Replacement/repair of broken windows and/or outside doors
- Installation of smoke detectors, check for gas leaks, and carbon monoxide
- Installation of energy efficient lighting



## Energy Opportunities

Energy Opportunities is a home energy conservation service for households not eligible for Weatherization that makes homes more energy efficient, affordable, comfortable, and safe.

### What Does Energy Opportunities Do?

**Home Energy Assessment:** Like Weatherization, Energy Opportunities uses state-of-the-art equipment to identify areas of the home that need upgrades to improve energy efficiency. Once areas are identified, a cost-effective work plan is developed outlining areas of improvement for a home.

**Installation of Energy Saving Measures:** Trained personnel install home performance measures to address deficiencies including energy star appliances, insulation, lighting, furnace repair/replacement, air sealing, windows, and more.

**Education on Managing Energy:** Energy Opportunities provides energy saving education in coordination with New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA).

### Is There a Cost for Services?

**Weatherization:** Services are provided without cost to income eligible homeowners and tenants. However, owners of rental buildings are required to invest minimal funds toward the cost of the Weatherization services.

**Energy Opportunities:** Funding may be available to cover up to 50% of the costs associated with energy-efficiency improvements, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per household or \$8,000 for a 2-4 family building. Financing options are also available through NYSERDA loan programs.

**NYSERDA Loan Programs:** New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) offers loan programs for upfront costs for the energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements made in your home. Loans can be used in conjunction with Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR programs.

Financing options are:

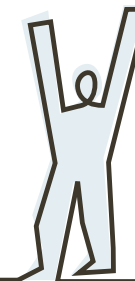
- On-Bill Recovery Loan, in which loan payments are built into your monthly utility bill so you will not have an extra bill each month.
- Smart Energy Loan, which is a more traditional loan that you repay monthly via check or automatic payment.

A full description of NYSERDA loan programs can be found at [www.nyserdera.ny.gov](http://www.nyserdera.ny.gov).

For more information or question on any of these programs, call OFO's Energy Service program at:

**607.433.0444**

“ We are so pleased with the work that OFO did on our home. The comfort level in our home has dramatically increased. The furnace doesn't run as often, the home isn't as drafty and the house is actually much quieter now. We would never have been able to do this work on our own and are so grateful for the help of your professional staff. ”



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