

Weatherization Assistance

The Weatherization Program is designed to reduce heating and cooling costs or low income families by saving energy. The service is free of charge with the funding of grants provided through LIHEAP, DOE, and other Utility Companies.

Assistance is available **based on household income**.

Waiting List is determined by Priority Ranking: Age, Disability, Energy Usage, Burden, Poverty Level, and other measures of high need.



Assistance Available Based on Income

In order to qualify for assistance, applicants must make **less than the amounts shown** in the following table:

Family Size	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
Annual Income Limits	\$25,760	\$34,840	\$43,920	\$53,000	\$62,080	\$71,160	\$80,240	\$89,320

Note: Income limits are updated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Potential applicants should check with The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania for current income limits as they may be changed without notice.

How do I determine my Income?

All income for **all adult household members** received during a **12-month** period must be counted.

All income sources below **must** be included:

- Gross wages and salaries - before payroll deductions, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips, and bonuses.
- Gross income from the operation of a business or profession including rental of real or personal property.
- Interest, dividends, and other income from family assets.
- Full amount of periodic payments received from Social Security after deductions of Medicare premiums (including social security received by adults on behalf of minors or by minors intended for their own support).
- Payments in lieu of earnings, such as unemployment and disability compensation, workman's compensation, and severance pay.
- Periodic and determinable allowances - such as alimony and child support payments, and regularly recurring contributions or gifts received from person not residing in the dwelling.
- Income received from annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, and other similar types of periodic receipts, including a lump sum payment for the delayed start of a periodic payment.
- All regular pay, special pay, and allowances of a member of the armed forces who is head of the family of spouse, whether or not that family member lives in the unit.
- Any earned income tax credit to the extent it exceeds income tax liability.

About the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette (RACF) has successfully administered housing rehabilitation programs for over 38 years. Since 1975, the RACF has facilitated aid to over 1,500 households utilizing local, state, and federal resources. These resources are critical to enabling the rehabilitation of households, thereby inhibiting blight and resident displacement.

Additional Resources

PA Department of Community & Economic Development - (DCED) | newpa.com

West Penn Power
firstenergycorp.com

Columbia Gas of PA
columbiagaspa.com

Low Income home Energy Program (LIHEAP) | liheap.ncat.org

U.S. Department of Energy - energy.gov



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Weatherization Program

A program administered by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, PA



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About the Weatherization Program

The Redevelopment Authority's Weatherization Program started in 1975 and was one of the first few weatherization programs in Pennsylvania. The program provides assistance to low-income households for energy efficiency improvements, often reducing both energy consumption and costs by as much as 23%. This assistance is provided by the Authority's experienced in-house staff of Weatherization Technicians.

With funding from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program, and various local utility companies, the Redevelopment Authority's Weatherization Program has been able to assist over 9,000 households throughout Fayette County. As with other programs administered by the Redevelopment Authority, while the LIHEAP and DOE funding are Federal resources, they are provided to the County through Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).



How does the program work?

Energy reduction assistance begins with a Weatherization Auditor performing an energy audit and basic furnace safety check. This audit will provide the Installation Technicians with information needed to decide the most cost effective measures to perform on each dwelling. The Technicians will also utilize a blower door to find and reduce outside air infiltration and heat loss. If needed, a heating contractor will perform a furnace cleaning and tune up, a follow-up safety inspection or make repairs to heating systems. All customers will receive energy education.

Who qualifies for the program?

This program is available to owners and renters alike for both houses and mobile homes. Households receiving assistance must be qualified based on income. The program is open to those whose income is 200% or below the Federal Poverty Income Level. See reverse of this brochure for income limit details. HUD updates these income limits yearly.

Dwellings weatherized within a 15 year period are ineligible. Applications expire yearly. This keeps the waitlist moving and application process up to date.

Once installed, these energy saving measures will help to reduce your heating and cooling costs for years to come.

What kind of repairs can be done?

- Insulation and ventilation in the attic and/or other unheated areas
- Vent fan repairs/replace
- Insulating water heaters
- Insulating waterlines in unheated areas
- Replacing broken glass
- Replacing weather-stripping
- Furnace cleaning and tune up
- Furnace safety inspection
- Repairs to heating systems
- Air sealing and Interior caulking

What the program does not cover:

- Install skirting
- Install storm windows or doors
- Install replacement windows in house
- Install water heaters
- Install faucets
- Repair roofs
- Coat mobile home roofs
- Build porches or steps
- Install siding
- Paint houses
- Rewire houses or mobile homes

“Weatherization provides a lasting solution to high energy bills by addressing the cause through energy efficiency.”

REDUCE YOUR ENERGY COSTS!

Did You Know?

- The program is open to homeowners and renters.
- We process applications daily so we can move through our Wait List quickly.
- We attempt to process applications chronologically based on the client's date of application; however, depending on need some applications may be given priority.
- Applications do not move with the applicant, so please notify us of any change in phone number or address by calling 724-438-3377.



CONTACT the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette TODAY to apply: CALL: 724.438.3377 - TDD/TYY: 800.877.8339 ~ OR ~ VISIT our Website: racfpa.org

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