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## Vermont Weatherization Assistance Program Fact Sheet

### What is Weatherization?

The Vermont Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a free program that creates warmer, safer, healthier and more energy-efficient homes for households who are income eligible. It saves clients' money on their energy bills. It is administered by the State Office of Economic Opportunity, while the work is performed by 6 non-profit organizations. Both owner-occupied as well as rental properties can be weatherized as long as the occupant is income eligible.

### What is the Weatherization process?

- Application – The client applies for Weatherization with their local WAP.
- Efficiency Coaching – The first step is for an Efficiency Coach to visit the home and meet with the client. During this visit they discuss the process of Weatherization, how to maximize the benefits of Weatherization, refer the clients to other applicable programs, determine how they can save on their electric bill, as well as provide other client education.
- Energy Audit – An auditor will visit the home to identify where the most cost-effective energy efficiency improvements can be made.
- Subcontractor Work at Home – Heating contractors will perform a clean and tune of the primary heating system and address any combustion appliance problems (before any energy renovations).
- Energy Renovation – A crew of workers will arrive to follow the work scope written by the auditor by installing measures such as insulation and air sealing.
- Quality Control Inspection – After the work is done, a BPI certified Quality Control Inspector will return to ensure the work is done properly and to specifications.

### What impact does Weatherization have?

- 3,383 homes weatherized in the past 3 years.
  - Estimated 30% energy savings per home.
  - Weatherization makes the home more comfortable and healthier to live in and improves indoor air quality which can reduce health issues caused by the home (ex. asthma). Studies have shown the work done by the national WAP network can reduce sick days of clients by 16%.
  - Many clients have reported that weatherization has allowed them to afford to stay in their homes.
  - For every \$1.00 invested in weatherization \$1.72 is generated in energy benefits and \$2.78 in non-energy benefits.
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- \$1,015 average yearly energy savings per weatherized household.

### **Who does WAP serve?**

To be eligible, a household would need to have income below 80% of the area median income. The income guidelines can be found here - <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization>.

Due to wait lists for Weatherization, applicants are prioritized for service based on the factors below:

- Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP) home
- Household income is less than 60% of the state or county median income
- High in-home energy usage
- Families with an elderly member in the home
- Families with a disabled member in the home
- Families with children under 6 in the home

### **Contact:**

#### **BROC**

45 Union Street, Rutland, VT 05701

(802) 665-1748

<https://www.broc.org/weatherization/>

#### **Capstone**

20 Gable Place, Barre, VT 05641

(802) 476-2093

<https://capstonevt.org/home-weatherization>

#### **CVOEO**

136 Jimmo Drive, Suite 3, Colchester, VT 05446

(802) 891-9697 (x316)

<https://www.cvoeo.org/get-help/weatherization>

#### **NETO (2 offices)**

147 Citizens Road, Derby, VT

(802) 334-7378

4614 Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT

(802) 748-8935

<https://www.vtneto.org/>

#### **SEVCA**

91 Buck Drive, Westminster, VT

(802) 721-0042

<https://sevca.org/weatherization-and-home-repair/>

Multi Family Weatherization (properties with 5 or more units)

3E Thermal

Waterbury VT

(802) 477-5092

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