

# Weatherization Assistance

Introduction guide to local and federal Weatherization programs, including the IRA



**Overpaying on your energy bill? Need insulation or ventilation upgrades?**

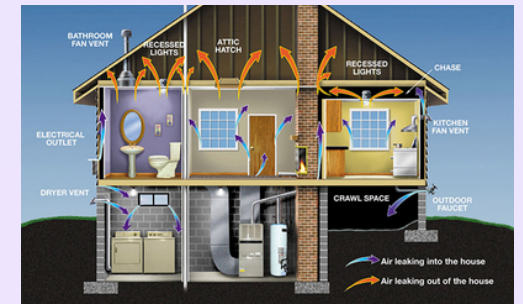
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## What is weatherization?

Weatherization encompasses a series of measures aimed at minimizing the energy needed to regulate the temperature of your home. These measures may include sealing air leaks, adding insulation, upgrading doors and windows, and



enhancing ventilation. The initial step for many individuals in the weatherization process is obtaining an energy audit. During this service, a trained professional conducts tests at your residence to identify areas that may be causing energy inefficiencies. Local electric utilities often offer energy audits at minimal or no cost. Weatherization has the potential to yield significant savings, reducing energy expenses by hundreds of dollars annually. Additionally, by curbing energy waste, weatherization contributes to a decrease in carbon emissions from your home.



## What does the IRA offer for weatherization?

The IRA offers a 30% of cost tax credit capped at \$1,200 reset yearly, and an upcoming income-limited rebate covering up to \$1,600 of weatherization costs, part of the Electrification Rebates (capped at \$14,000). The tax credit does not cover installation costs.

Tax credit caps (30% of item cost):

- Air sealing and insulation: \$1,200
- Doors: \$250 per door, \$500 total
- Energy audits: \$150
- Windows: \$600

The rebates and tax credits may be combined if they are used to cover different items purchased. The weatherization rebates cover

ventilation, insulation, and air sealing. (AMI = Area median income)

- 80% AMI = 100% up to \$1,600
- 80-150% AMI = 50% coverage

### Calculate Your Area Median Income using the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Online Tool!

[www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#year2023](http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#year2023)



## What is the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)?

The WAP is a federally funded, state-run program where recipients receive an energy audit and weatherization services including but not limited to ventilation, door upgrades, heating and cooling optimization insulation improvement, and health and safety measures.



### Eligibility by area median income breakdown

The program is eligible for those with an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Level, as outlined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

- Single household = \$29,160
- 2-Person household = \$39,440
- 3- Person household = \$49,720

Learn more about eligibility and find your local weatherization assistance provider to begin your application:



<https://dced.pa.gov/housing-and-development/weatherization/income-eligibility/>

## Lackawanna County Whole Homes Repair Program

This program provides funding to address habitability and safety concerns, provide measures to improve energy or water efficiency

and make units accessible for individuals with disabilities. It is eligible to those at & below 80% AMI.

[www.nwnepa.org/program/s/aip/whole-home-repair.html](http://www.nwnepa.org/program/s/aip/whole-home-repair.html)



## Service utility assistance

The majority of electric, gas, water, phone, and internet service providers provide assistance programs. Learn more:

<https://www.puc.pa.gov/about-the-puc/consumer-education/utility-assistance-programs>



Local community organizations offering help with utilities can be found on [www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)

## LIHEAP

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grants \$300-\$1,000 to help low-income families pay for heating. Learn more:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

