

# WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Wx)

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### WHAT IS THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WX)?

The Weatherization Assistance Program (Wx) provides energy conservation measures to reduce the utility bills of low-income Hoosiers across the state. The United States Department of Energy (DOE) allocates funds to Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA) for distribution to our network of Local Service Providers (LSPs) to provide FREE weatherization services for qualified Indiana residents. Wx is an income-based program that is open to both renters and owners.

### WHAT IS WEATHERIZATION?

Weatherization makes homes more energy efficient through cost-effective home improvement measures that decrease energy use and lower utility bills. These energy-efficient measures also help make your home a healthy and safe place to live. Each home is different, so the measures completed on each home vary based on the needs and potential energy savings.

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#### Weatherization measures may include:

- Installing insulation in walls and attics and air sealing drafty areas around doors and windows
- Duct and heating pipe insulation
- Repairing and potentially replacing heating systems
- Changing lightbulbs and other fixtures to be more energy efficient
- Installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

#### Weatherization typically DOES NOT:

- Replace doors or windows
- Replace roofs
- Replace siding of home
- Repair or replace appliances

### WHY SHOULD I WEATHERIZE MY HOME?

-  Reduce energy use
-  Save money on utility bills
-  Improve health and safety by reducing energy-related hazards
-  Improve comfort of your home and our environment

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM INCOME-ELIGIBLE?

You are income-eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program if your household income is below 200 percent of the federal poverty level or if you were approved for the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). To view income eligibility requirements, visit <https://on.in.gov/wx>.

### EXCEPTIONS TO ELIGIBILITY:

Along with being income eligible, your home must meet certain conditions to be weatherized. This will be determined by your LSP during the first step of weatherization.

If your home has been weatherized before through this program, you may not be considered eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Please contact your LSP to determine eligibility. You can find your LSP by visiting <https://on.in.gov/wx>.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Please contact your LSP and tell them you are interested in participating in the Weatherization Assistance Program. You can find your LSP by visiting <https://on.in.gov/wx>.

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## WHAT IS THE WEATHERIZATION PROCESS LIKE?

Throughout the weatherization process, the health and safety of your family is a priority. Weatherization is a multi-step process and wait time for assistance varies between LSPs.

\*Priority is given to low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children under the age of 18, and households with high energy burden.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WEATHERIZATION IS COMPLETED?






After your home has been weatherized, you will need to keep the improvements in proper condition and check for areas needing maintenance.

## NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

### EAP

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) can help you pay your heating and electricity bills!

EAP assists you in paying for your energy bills by providing a one-time benefit assistance payment. An EAP benefit will not cover all your annual heating costs, so you should continue to pay your bills regularly. The Energy Assistance Program is open from November to mid-May. For exact program dates and how to apply, visit [eap.ihcda.in.gov](http://eap.ihcda.in.gov).

-  1. Apply and enroll in the Weatherization Assistance Program through your local service provider.
-  2. An energy audit will be done, and the results will guide what kind of work will be done.
-  3. Contractors or agency employees will perform the improvements which may include sealing cracks, insulation, and HVAC repairs. Work is done at no cost to the client.
-  4. A final audit will be done to ensure that everything is working in proper order.
-  5. You must maintain the improvements to keep your home in working order. A one year warranty is offered on weatherization work.

