

## What is Weatherization?

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's purpose for the Urban Weatherization Initiative is to:

1. create jobs and increase skills and career opportunities for the under/unemployed;
2. improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs in disadvantaged communities; and
3. stimulate local economies by purchasing supplies from local distributors and manufacturers.

Nationwide, weatherization benefits low-income households and communities and generates an average energy cost savings of \$300 per home each year.

Professionally trained weatherization crews perform on-site home energy audits using state of the art equipment to identify outside drafts, and inspect heating and cooling systems for efficiency.

Weatherization crews seal off air leaks, install insulation, made modifications to (or replace) existing heating systems, and make minor repairs to ensure safety. Once installed, these energy saving measures help to reduce heating and cooling costs for years to come.

*Service area for the Residential Weatherization Program includes Peoria County with emphasis on zip codes 61602, 61603, 61604, 61605, and 61606.*

## 2015 Income Eligibility Guidelines

*Source: City of Peoria Median Income Report*

Household Size	150% Annual	200% Annual
1	\$17,820	\$23,760
2	24,030	32,040
3	30,240	40,320
4	36,450	48,600
5	42,660	56,880

Certified staff will assess the home by conducting pressure testing and diagnostics to determine building tightness limits. Using blower door equipment, which measures airflow, the leakiness of the home will be determined. This will determine what work can be done to save the most energy. Weatherized homes are inspected to make sure the work is correct and complete.

## Frequently Asked Questions



### ***Do I Have to Own My Own Home to Qualify for Services?***

Yes. You must own your home. If it is a multi-family housing complex, you, the owner, must live in one of the units. Multi-family buildings only apply to buildings with 2-6 units. Mobile homes are not eligible.

### ***Do I Have to be a Certain Age or Meet an Income Guideline to Qualify?***

This program is offered on a first come first served basis. No preference is given to applicants based on age. You may also be eligible for assistance if your income meets the federally established income guidelines of an income equal to or less than 60% of the Area Median Income. (Area Median Income or AMI is used to determine eligibility in a variety of state and federal programs.

*Source: the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity*



## How Do I Apply?

To apply for services or to get additional information on the Urban Weatherization Program contact:

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