

Fun Facts About Weatherization

Did You Know...

- * The United States Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) was created in 1976 to help low-income families reduce energy consumption and costs.
- * The Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (Weatherization) provides energy efficiency services to more than 100,000 homes every year.
- * Weatherization reduces average annual energy costs by \$437 per household. Savings still higher if lighting and appliances are upgraded.
- * For every \$1 invested in the program, Weatherization returns \$1.80 in energy-related benefits to the household. But that's not all...
- * Weatherization produces "non-energy" benefits as well. Weatherization improves local air quality, reduces risk of fires, decreases cases of homelessness, increases the durability of affordable housing, and much more... For every \$1 invested in the program, Weatherization returns \$2.51 in total benefits to the household and society!
- * Weatherization operates in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories, three Tribal Organizations and more than 1000 sub grantees. Services are delivered to every county in the nation by approximately 970 local agencies.
- * Nearly 25,000 direct and indirect jobs are supported by the program. Indirect jobs are created for subcontractors and material suppliers. Many jobs are in low-income and rural areas, where they are most needed. 52 new jobs are created for every \$1 million of funds invested.
- * Weatherization uses advanced technologies and techniques to achieve the highest energy savings in each home.
- * Since 1976, over 6.4 million households have been served by Weatherization.
- * As a result of all weatherization measures currently in place, low-income families avoided \$2.1 billion in energy costs, just in 2010.



Now You Know... Weatherization Works!