

Home Weatherization

The Benefits of Air Sealing and Insulation

Rebates up to \$24,500

√ Be More Comfortable

Weatherizing is a great way to make your home feel cozy in the winter, and cooler in the summer.

√ Save Money on Energy Bills

Air sealing and insulating critical areas can reduce energy bills by up to 20% on average*.

√ A Healthier You

Weatherizing reduces airborne particles and pests which can aggravate asthma, allergies, and other health problems.

How do I know if my home needs weatherization?

Think of a good weatherization strategy like clothing yourself for winter. When you "zip up" your jacket, you keep body heat from escaping. Air sealing is like "zipping up" your home.

Air leaks are commonly found in the attic and basement. The average home has so many that (when combined), it's like leaving a window open all year long.

Insulation: A sweater under your jacket

If air sealing your home is like a jacket, then insulation is the sweater underneath. After a space is properly sealed, then insulation can be added. While no two homes are the same, more insulation is typically better.

Do I need to hire a professional contractor?

It depends on your needs and goals. There are a handful of Do-It-Yourself projects that can help you stay more comfortable, but if your goals are to save energy and money, it's best to hire an Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) contractor to complete a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® weatherization project.

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR projects use a whole-home approach to provide the maximum savings and the greatest comfort. An EEN contractor will:

- Conduct energy-loss tests to help identify and prioritize improvements
- Perform energy upgrades, completing work in stages or all at once
- Ensure health and safety by testing air quality and whether your heating system is emitting carbon monoxide
- Give you access to Efficiency Vermont rebates and special financing options that start at 0% interest



*Based on Home Performance with ENERGY STAR projects as of January 2019. Savings based off average home with oil heat. Actual cost, savings, and cash flow scenarios vary by individual project.







Rebates for Your Home

These offers are available as of December 1, 2024. Visit **efficiencyvermont.com/wx** for the most up-to-date information.

Income-Based Offers

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR for low- and moderate-income Vermonters

Not sure where to start? Sign up for a free Virtual Home Energy Visit at **efficiencyvermont.com/visit**

- Up to \$9,500 for weatherization work
- Up to an additional \$15,000 for home repairs that may be necessary before weatherization, including ductwork, electrical, plumbing, remediation (asbestos, mold, vermiculite), ventilation, and repairs to the foundation, roof, siding, and windows. Learn more at efficiencyvermont.com/home-repair
- Federal Tax Credit: 30% of cost

If you meet low-income qualifications, you may be eligible to have 100% of your costs covered through the Weatherization Assistance Program. Confirm eligibility at **dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization**.

If your annual household income falls at or below the following guidelines, you may be eligible:

	Annual household income limit by household size				
County	1	2	3	4	5
Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle counties	\$99,900	\$114,150	\$128,400	\$142,700	\$154,100
Addison County	\$91,550	\$104,650	\$117,700	\$130,800	\$141,250
Washington County	\$88,550	\$101,200	\$113,850	\$126,500	\$136,600
All other Vermont counties	\$86,000	\$98,400	\$110,600	\$122,800	\$132,800

Contact us if your family size is larger than 5 people or visit efficiencyvermont.com/income-limit

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR

- 75% off project costs, up to **\$4.000** for weatherization work
- Federal Tax Credit: **30%** of cost
- A participating EEN contractor must oversee the work and complete a blower door test before work is started

Financing Options

No need to pay for your project all at once. Break your costs down into small monthly payments with no- or low-interest financing options. efficiencyvermont.com/financing

Home Energy Loan

Finance 100% of your project, up to \$20,000 with interest rates starting at 0% (for eligible Vermonters), with loan terms up to 15 years

On-Bill Financing

The Weatherization Repayment Assistance Program (WRAP) allows you to pay via a monthly charge on your participating utility's electric or natural gas bill, with no credit check required

Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Projects: \$100 Rebate

While a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR project will have the biggest impact on your heating costs and comfort, specific DIY projects can still have an impact on how you feel in your home. Plus, we'll give you money back to help you pay for materials. **efficiencyvermont.com/DIY**











