

## Weatherization Q&A

### What if my home has been weatherized through this program recently?

A home can only receive this program's free weatherization services once, unless it received the services before September 30, 1994.

### What is the purpose of the free home energy audit?

The free home energy audit determines which weatherization services are the most cost effective to install in the home. Some homes will have more measures installed than others.

### What types of weatherization services are available to residents of mobile homes?

The most typical improvements done to a mobile home are skirting insulation, furnace replacement, storm windows, and insulation.

### How does the GEO ensure that the work completed by the agency is high quality?

Once the weatherization work is completed, a certified inspector will return to your home to assess the work done and make sure no work was missed. The GEO also works closely with all of its agencies to make sure staff members are properly trained and equipped, and adhere to quality assurance standards.

### What if I live in an apartment? Am I still eligible for weatherization services?

If your building has less than four units or you have your own furnace please contact your local weatherization agency (agency contact information on the reverse side of this brochure).



#### For more information in your area, contact:

- Northwest Colorado Council of Governments: 1-800-332-3669, [www.nwccog.org](http://www.nwccog.org)
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado: 970-241-2871, [www.housingresourceswc.org/weatherization.html](http://www.housingresourceswc.org/weatherization.html)
- Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE): 970-259-1916, [www.fourcore.org](http://www.fourcore.org)
- Veterans Green Jobs/Alamosa: 719-587-9492, [www.veteransgreenjobs.org](http://www.veteransgreenjobs.org)
- Veterans Green Jobs/Denver: 720-236-1321, [www.veteransgreenjobs.org](http://www.veteransgreenjobs.org)
- Longs Peak Energy Conservation: 1-800-200-9006/720-864-6401 [www.longspeakeenergy.org](http://www.longspeakeenergy.org)
- Energy Resource Center: 1-800-949-6444/719-591-0772, [www.erc-co.org](http://www.erc-co.org)
- Arapahoe County Weatherization Division: 303-636-1982, [www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CS/Weatherization/weatherization.asp](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CS/Weatherization/weatherization.asp)
- Pueblo County Department of Housing and Human Services: 719-583-6110, [www.co.pueblo.co.us/hhs](http://www.co.pueblo.co.us/hhs)
- Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments: 1-888-790-8351 ext. 230 or 970-867-9409 ext. 230/Weld County: 970-351-7772, [www.necalg.com](http://www.necalg.com)



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## What Is Weatherization?

Weatherization means making cost-effective, energy-efficient improvements and upgrades in your home. These measures will reduce energy usage while improving the comfort of your home year round. Weatherization improvements may include:

- \* Insulation in Attics and Walls
- \* Furnace Replacement
- \* Furnace Safety Testing
- \* Refrigerator Replacement
- \* Sealing Air Leaks
- \* Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL)
- \* Energy Audit
- \* Storm Windows
- \* Energy Conservation Information

## How Does the GEO Weatherization Program Work?



The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) Weatherization Program partners with local weatherization agencies throughout the state to provide **free** weatherization services to Colorado residents.

Qualified homeowners or renters can apply for these services by contacting their local weatherization agency. Once you contact your agency you will need to follow a few simple steps to receive weatherization services:

- \* Complete an application. Your local agency will provide and assist you with completing the application.
- \* Once your application is approved, your agency will schedule a free home energy audit. The home energy audit will identify the most appropriate and cost-effective improvements to be applied to your home.

- \* After your home's appropriate measures are identified, your agency will schedule the service appointment. A qualified crew of weatherization technicians will install the appropriate improvements in your home.
- \* Once the work has been completed, a certified inspector will return to your home to assess the work for quality and completion.
- \* Enjoy a more comfortable home and lower energy bills.



## What Are the Benefits of Weatherizing My Home?

There are numerous reasons for homeowners or renters to participate in the GEO Weatherization Program. Whether you are looking to save money, improve the comfort and value of your home or help protect our environment, weatherization can help. Here are some benefits to weatherizing your home:

- \* Lower Your Monthly Energy Costs
- \* Save Money
- \* Reduce Your Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- \* Do Your Part to Slow Climate Change
- \* Help Preserve Our Natural Resources
- \* Keep Your Home Cool in the Summer
- \* Keep Your Home Warm in the Winter

## How Do I Know If I Qualify?

If you currently receive financial assistance from any of the following programs you automatically qualify for weatherization services:

- \* Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- \* Aid to the Needy and Disabled (AND)
- \* Old Age Pension (OAP)
- \* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- \* Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)



Households can also be eligible if they meet required income guidelines. You can use the chart below to see if you qualify:

Household Members	Gross* Annual Household Income
1	\$21,780.00
2	\$29,420.00
3	\$37,060.00
4	\$44,700.00
<b>Each Additional Person**</b>	<b>\$7,640.00</b>

\* Gross income means before tax.

\*\* Please add \$7,640.00 per year for each additional person in your household after 4 people.

## What If I Rent My Home?

If the landlord agrees, renters in single-family, multi-family and mobile home residences can qualify for the free GEO Weatherization Program. Contact your local weatherization agency for details.