

Weatherization Programs

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Repairs and upgrades to a home can significantly reduce energy use throughout the year, which can give you a more comfortable home, lower monthly power bills and improve air quality and family health. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offers programs that may provide help with things like insulation, hot water system improvements, heating/cooling repair or replacement, renewable energy systems, and other health and safety enhancements free of charge. Check to see if you qualify for one or all of these programs.

How to apply for these programs: Turn in an OHEP or DHCD application. You will be screened for all three programs.

For questions or help with the application: Call 1-855-583-8976.

1) EmPOWER MD Limited Income Energy Efficiency Program

What is the program?:

Once eligibility is determined, the local agency will schedule an energy assessment of the home. If the existing condition of the dwelling permits, the program may provide the following improvements to make your home safer, healthier and more energy efficient:

- Insulation in the attic, floors, and walls
- Hot water system improvements
- Lighting retrofits
- Furnace cleaning, tuning, and safety repairs
- Appliance replacements, if applicable
- Health and safety items

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Eligibility:

- Must be a customer at one of the following utility companies: BGE, Delmarva Power, Potomac Edison, Pepco, SMECO, or Washington Gas.
- Must meet the income guidelines below.

Maximum Annual Household Income	
Persons in family/household	Max Annual Gross Income
1	\$54,950
2	\$62,800
3	\$70,650
4	\$78,500
5	\$84,800
6	\$91,050
7	\$100,300
8	\$111,650
For families/households with more than 8 persons, for each additional person add:	\$11,350

2) Weatherization Assistance Program

What is the program?:

Once eligibility is determined, the local agency will schedule an energy assessment in home. If the existing condition of the dwelling permits, the program may provide the following improvements to make your home safer, healthier and more energy efficient:

- Blower door air infiltration reduction
- Insulation in the attic, floors, walls

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- Hot water system improvements
- Lighting retrofit
- Furnace clean/tune, safety repairs, burner retrofit or replacement
- Health and safety items

Eligibility:

- Homeowner: Homeowner applicants must be income eligible and able to prove ownership of the housing unit.
- Renter: For rental units, landlords must prove ownership and also agree to participate. Tenants of rental units must be income eligible.

Priority is given to eligible applicants who are elderly, disabled, have families with children, and have the highest energy consumption.

- Must meet income guidelines below:

Maximum Annual Household Income	
Persons in family/household	Max Annual Gross Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
For families/households with more than 8 persons, for each additional person add:	\$9,080

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3) Maryland Energy Assistance Program

What is the program?:

Once eligibility is determined, the local agency will schedule an in-home assessment. If the existing condition of the dwelling permits, the program may provide the following improvements to make your home safer, healthier and more energy efficient:

- Replacing heating/cooling/water heater systems

Eligibility:

Have a non-functioning heating, cooling, and/or water heating system.

Must meet income guidelines below:

Maximum Annual Household Income	
Persons in family/household	Max Annual Gross Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
For families/households with more than 8 persons, for each additional person add:	\$9,080