

Weatherization Assistance

For Low-income, Elderly or Disabled persons, available through the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA). For information, please call 865-691-2551 extension 4825.



The Weatherization Assistance Program enables low-income families, elderly and disabled persons to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. The U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program will distribute \$99 million to Tennessee under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. By reducing the energy bills, instead of offering aid, weatherization projects will reduce dependency and liberate personal funds for spending on more pressing family issues. On average, weatherization reduces heating bills by 32% and overall energy bills by about \$350 per year at current prices.

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1. Call local agency

- East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) 865-691-2251 extension 4825

2. Make an Application

- Application forms usually take about 20 minutes.
- You must have proof of income for the year prior to application.
- The agency also asks a small number of questions about your household, such as, the number of people living in the home.

3. Your eligibility is determined

- If you are eligible, your weatherization agency puts you on a waiting list.
- If you rent, you must get permission from your landlord.
- People most in need are often moved to the top of the waiting list.

4. Professional energy consultation

- Analysis of your energy bills
- Test the infiltration of outside air with a blower door
- Inspect equipment for health and safety
- List the most cost-effective energy conservation measures for your home.

5. Workers arrive

- Local weatherization agency schedules work.
- Average expenditure of \$6500 per home
- All work is energy-related. Work does not include new roofing, siding, or similar.
- Work is typically completed in a day or two. You sign off on final inspection.

Financial Income Guidelines

Persons in family	Poverty Income Level	x 200 percent
1	\$10,830	\$21,660
2	\$14,570	\$29,140
3	\$18,310	\$36,620
4	\$22,050	\$44,100
5	\$25,790	\$51,580
6	\$29,530	\$59,060
7	\$33,270	\$66,540
8	\$37,010	\$74,020

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$7,480 for each additional person.

If you receive Supplemental Security Income or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, you are automatically eligible to receive free weatherization services.