

Living in a weatherized home

Now that your home has been weatherized, don't waste energy. Space and water heating are the two largest residential energy users.

To save energy:

Setting your thermostat at 68° Fahrenheit will save energy. If you feel cool, wear a sweater or dress in layers

If you are too warm, turn down the heat. Don't open a door or window to cool down.

At night, cover the windows. This will help keep the heat in.

Furnaces and other heating systems should be checked annually to ensure efficient operation.

Storing boxes and things on top of the insulation will reduce its ability to keep you warm. Make sure the insulation stays the way it was put in.

Water heaters should be set at 120 degrees (120° Fahrenheit).

Saving energy is saving money!

For more information on how to save energy, contact your local community action agency.



Keep this brochure with your lease or rent contract.

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Tenant Rights & The Weatherization Assistance Program



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Congratulations!

Your home is about to be weatherized. The addition of insulation and other energy-saving measures will make your home more comfortable and save you money!

Know your rights

The Weatherization Assistance Program is designed to benefit you. Most, if not all, of the materials and labor to weatherize your home are being supplied free of charge to the owner. In return for this free service, the owner has agreed to the following items:

No Rent Increase — The owner cannot raise your rent for any reason for a period of one year from the time the weatherization work has been completed.

During the second year after your home has been weatherized, the owner can only raise your rent for the following reasons:

1. Actual increases in property taxes
2. Actual cost of improvements (other than weatherization) to the dwelling that directly benefits you, the tenant; and
3. Actual increases in cost of maintenance and operations of the property.

Evictions — Beginning on the date the owner signs the agreement to weatherize your home, and for three years after, the owner cannot evict you, or attempt to evict you, except for good cause, such as failure to pay rent, violating any provision of the lease or rent agreement, damaging property or creating a nuisance.

Sale of Property - If the owner sells the property within three years after the weatherization work is completed, the owner must either get the new owner to accept the agreement and protect your rights as stated above, or pay back the cost of weatherization.

If you need help

If you feel the owner is not following the agreement as explained, contact your local legal services office, community action agency, or the agency that did the weatherization work. They may be able to help you.

Remember...

The owner has signed an agreement (Property Owner/Agency Agreement) in order to have your home weatherized. The agreement states that:

- Your rent will not be increased for one year for any reason.
- For one additional year, your rent can only be increased for specific reasons.
- For three years, you cannot be evicted except for good cause.
- If the property is sold, your rights will be protected as explained, or you will be notified that the new owner is buying back the weatherization.