

## Did You Know...

- Home heating alone often accounts for more than 60% of your total energy bill
- Insulation lowers heating bills, keeps the house warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer
- Hot water dripping from a faucet can cost hundreds of dollars a year
- Turning off lights when you leave a room – even for 5 minutes – saves energy
- Most of the energy consumed by washing machines goes into heating the water
- Venting your dryer outside will reduce drying time, save money, and reduce the potential for mold growth
- An older refrigerator uses more than 3 times the energy of newer models
- Many home appliances use electricity even when they are turned off but still plugged in

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# Energy Services



**HEAP | Weatherization  
Energy Opportunities**



## Home Energy Assistance Program

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) assists income-eligible households in meeting their winter heating costs. The program can support payment for electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, oil, kerosene, coal, or other heating fuels.

### What Does HEAP Provide?

- Regular heating benefit to supplement a household's annual energy cost
- Emergency heating benefit for households in a heat or heat-related energy emergency
- Furnace repair and/or replacement benefit for home owners with inoperable heating equipment

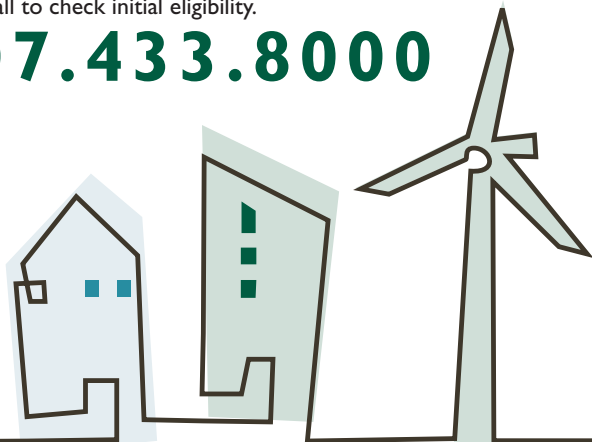
### Who Is Eligible?

HEAP is available to low-income households who do not have the available resources to meet their heating needs. The process for applying for HEAP depends on family circumstances:

- Households with open public assistance or food stamp cases may apply through their Department of Social Services case worker
- Heads of households over 60 years of age may apply through the local Office for the Aging
- All other low-income households may submit applications through Opportunities for Otsego

Since income guidelines change each year, please call to check initial eligibility.

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## Weatherization

Weatherization is a home energy conservation program for low-income homeowners and renters that can reduce home heating bills by 20-35%. In addition to saving household energy dollars, the program provides more comfortable, safer, and energy efficient homes and reduces our carbon footprint and demand for foreign oil.

### What Does Weatherization Do?

**Complete Home Energy Analysis:** Using state-of-the-art equipment, such as blower-door testing and infrared scanning, the program identifies areas of the home that need upgrades to improve energy efficiency. By addressing deficiencies, such as furnaces and air leaks, households may reduce fuel bills and make their home more comfortable during the winter.

**Weatherization of the Home:** Trained personnel install measures to fix energy deficiencies in a home. Services vary based on identified needs, but may include:

- Insulating walls and/or attics
- Weather-stripping and caulking around doors and windows
- Testing, cleaning, repair/replacement of heating systems
- Replacement/repair of storm windows
- Replacement/repair of broken windows and/or outside doors
- Installation of smoke detectors and check for gas leaks and carbon monoxide

### Is There a Cost for Services?

All services are provided without cost to income eligible homeowners and tenants. However, owners of rental buildings are required to invest funds toward the cost of the Weatherization services. Please call:

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## Energy Opportunities

Energy Opportunities is a home energy conservation program that makes homes more energy efficient, affordable, comfortable, and safe.

### What Does Energy Opportunities Do?

**Home Energy Analysis:** Like Weatherization, Energy Opportunities uses state-of-the-art equipment to identify areas of the home that need upgrades to improve energy efficiency. Once areas are identified, a cost-effective work plan is developed outlining areas of improvement for a home.

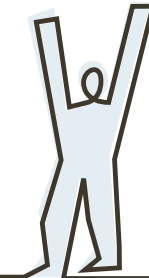
**Installation of Energy Saving Measures:** Trained personnel install home performance measures to address deficiencies including energy star appliances, insulation, lighting, furnace repair/replacement, air sealing, and more.

**Education on Managing Energy:** The program provides energy saving education in coordination with New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA).

### Is There a Cost for Services?

Funding may be available to cover up to 50% of the costs associated with energy-efficiency improvements, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per household or \$10,000 for a 2-4 family building. For details please call:

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