

Energy Saving Tips

- Keep the temperature of the water heater under 120 degrees.
- Install only compact fluorescent bulbs in your home.
- Install a programmable thermostat to help set back your thermostat during non-peak use times.
- On forced air heating systems, change furnace filters monthly during the heating season and year round if you have central air.
- Open curtains during the day and close them at night during the winter months.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use.
- Buy energy efficient appliances when one needs to be replaced.
- Buy energy saving shower heads and aerators to lower heating costs.
- Clean your dryer lint filter before every use.

The ultimate objective of REAL Services is to assist in establishing a community in which those we serve can maintain their independence to the maximum degree possible and find meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives.

About Us

The Promise of Community Action Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



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Weatherization Program



Supporting Independence for Life

Purpose

The weatherization program is designed to assist low income persons, who qualify for the Energy Assistance Program, to conserve energy and ultimately lower utility bills. Weatherization targets homes that are high energy users. Each home may be assessed to determine what options could reduce energy loss. Degree of services will vary from home to home.

Goals

- Reduce energy use
- Reduce the impact of rising energy costs
- Improve the health and safety of your home
- Encourage the household to improve their energy conservation practices

Eligibility

- EAP eligible and approved
- Live within St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, or Fulton counties
- Household income of all members over 18 years old must meet federal program guidelines
- Application completed by the person named on the utility bill
- Proof of home ownership, or if renting, a landlord affidavit

The Process

REAL Services' professionally trained auditors will make initial visits to homes to assess weatherization needs.

If the home meets basic state and federal weatherization requirements, professional contractors are employed to complete the energy saving measures.

Homes are individually assessed to determine which measures will best reduce the energy needs of the home.

The degree of services and measureable outcomes vary from home to home.

