

## Energy Saving Tips

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- Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature in the summer and lowest comfortable temperature in the winter.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs. While they may cost more initially, you can save \$30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime. They also produce 75 percent less heat, which can cut home cooling costs.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Install low-flow shower heads.
- Change air conditioning and furnace filters on a regular basis.
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120 degrees.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. The average load of laundry uses up to 32 gallons of water.
- Plug home electronics into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use. TVs and DVD players use several watts of power even in standby mode.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Tips from U.S. Department of Energy*

## For more information:

Contact your local Community Action Agency for more weatherization information, or visit [dss.sd.gov/weatherization](http://dss.sd.gov/weatherization).



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# Weatherization Assistance for South Dakotans



**The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income South Dakota households overcome the high cost of energy by making their homes more energy efficient.**

**Home weatherization services may include:**

- Weather-stripping doors and windows
- Caulking and sealing cracks and holes in building structures
- Insulating attics, walls and under floors
- Repairing, tuning or replacing non-functional heating systems
- Incidental repairs necessary to protect the weatherization material

## Who is eligible?

Eligibility for the Weatherization Assistance Program is based on household income. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, more South Dakotans are now eligible for weatherization assistance.

Beginning July 1, 2009, families with an annual income of up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level will be eligible for

assistance. This temporary change in eligibility is expected to last until September 2010, but is dependent on funding availability.

Priority is given to the elderly, individuals with disabilities, families with children and single family dwellings.

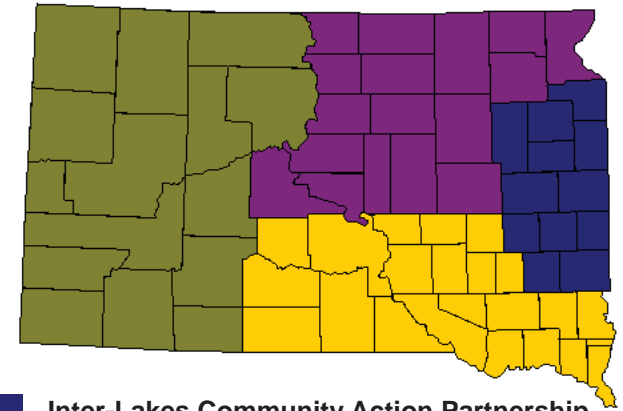
## How do I apply?

There are several ways to apply:

- Contact the Community Action Agency serving your county (see map at right) to request an application be mailed to you.
- Print an application online at [www.dss.sd.gov/weatherization](http://www.dss.sd.gov/weatherization).

## Where can I get more information?

Weatherization work is completed by four different community action agencies serving specific counties throughout the state. Use the map on the right to find the agency serving your area.



### **Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership**

PO Box 268, Madison, SD 57042

1-800-896-4105 or [www.interlakescap.com](http://www.interlakescap.com)

Counties served: Brookings, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody

### **Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program**

104 Ash St. E, Sisseton, SD 57262

1-800-245-3895 or [www.nesdcap.org](http://www.nesdcap.org)

Counties served: Beadle, Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, McPherson, Marshall, Potter, Roberts, Spink, Stanley, Sully, Walworth

### **Rural Office of Community Services, Inc.**

PO Box 70, Lake Andes, SD 57356

1-800-793-3290 or [www.rocsinc.org](http://www.rocsinc.org)

Counties served: Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Jones, Lincoln, Lyman, Mellette, Sanborn, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Yankton, Union

### **Western South Dakota Community Action Agency, Inc.**

1844 Lombardy Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701

1-800-327-1703 or [www.wsdca.org](http://www.wsdca.org)

Counties served: Bennett, Butte, Corson, Custer, Dewey, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins, Shannon, Pennington, Ziebach