

Weatherization

Weatherization is a program to make your home more safe and energy efficient using cost effective measures like adding insulation or sealing air leaks.

For more information please contact the appropriate agency listed below.

Inter-Lakes Community Action

P.O. Box 268, Madison, SD 57042

1.800.896.4105 or www.interlakescap.com

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

Grow South Dakota

104 Ash St. E., Sisseton, SD 57262

605.698.7654 or www.growsd.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 547, Wagner, SD 57380

1.800.793.3290 or www.rocsinc.org

Counties Served: Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Jones, Lincoln, Lyman, Mellette, Sandborn, Todd, Trip, Turner, Yankton, Union.

Western South Dakota Community Action Agency, Inc.

1844 Lombardy Dr, Rapid City, SD 57701

1.800.327.1703 or www.wsdca.org

Counties Served: Bennett, Butte, Corson, Custer, Dewey, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins, Oglala Lakota, Pennington, Ziebach.

For more energy and money saving tips visit

dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/energyassistance

To apply for Energy Assistance

- Call 1.800.233.8503
- Visit your local DSS office
- Fill out an online application at:
dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/energyassistance/lowincome.aspx

Contact Us

Office of Energy Assistance

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Pierre, SD 57501

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Sources

Department of Energy

energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/06/f2/energy_savers.pdf

Project Energy Savers

projectenergysavers.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Tips_En_SAM.pdf

Energy Saving Tips



Department of Social Services
Office of Energy Assistance

DSS 
Strong Families - South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future

Tips for the Winter

- You can easily save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to 68°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home. By turning your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours, you can save five to 15 percent a year on your heating bill, a savings of as much as one percent for each degree if the setback period is eight hours long. The percentage of savings from setback is greater for buildings in milder climates than for those in more severe climates.
- Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.
- Install a programmable thermostat, this makes it easy to automatically lower the home temperature at night.
- Check for air leaks around your walls, ceilings, windows, doors, light and plumbing fixtures, switches and electrical outlets.

Tips for the Summer

- In the summer, keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, lowering the thermostat setting to 78°F (26°C) only when you are at home and need cooling. Although thermostats can be adjusted manually, programmable thermostats will avoid any discomfort by returning temperatures to normal before you wake or return home.
- If you live in a climate where it cools off at night, turn off your cooling system and open your windows while sleeping. When you wake in the morning, shut the windows and blinds to capture the cool air.
- Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows.
- Try running a fan, keeping the air moving is key to greater comfort in hot weather.

General Tips

- Install low-flow shower heads.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- 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. Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwashers drying cycle.

- Wash your clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents whenever possible.
- Plug home electronics into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use. TV's and DVD players use several watts of power even in standby mode.
- 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.
- Change air conditioning and furnace filters on a regular basis.
- Check your dryer vent to be sure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.
- Don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold. Recommended temperatures are 35°-38°F for refrigerators and 0°F for separate freezers for long-term storage.

Safety Tips

- Install a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home, if a large home, install one outside each sleeping room.
- Don't use a generator inside of the home.
- Keep your home as dry as possible, too much water in the home causes mold, structural damage and provides optimal conditions for some pests, especially termites.