



# Weatherize *with* People Working Cooperatively

Here are a few tips from People Working Cooperatively to keep your home more energy efficient! Please call us ...513.351.7921...if we can help you, a neighbor or a friend!

- 👉 Put weather-stripping around windows and doors. This will save you hundreds of dollars every year!
- 👉 Insulate your attic. Caulk windows and door frames to seal cracks and keep in warm air.
- 👉 Put plastic over your windows if you do not have newer-type replacement windows. Window kits are available at most hardware or discount stores.
- 👉 Purchase insulated drapes.
- 👉 Close your basement air vent when running the heat.
- 👉 Cook and boil water with lids on pots and pans.
- 👉 Clean your dryer's lint trap with every load.
- 👉 Do not place televisions or lamps close to your thermostat. They will generate false thermostat readings.
- 👉 Hold your furnace filters up to a bright light. If it is difficult to see the light, it is time to clean or replace them. You should replace filters every 30-60 days to keep your furnace in tip-top shape!
- 👉 Turn thermostat down five degrees at night or when no one is home; 70° is comfortable for most people.
- 👉 Make sure nothing is blocking the supply and return heating/air-conditioning registers.
- 👉 Use energy efficient light bulbs like fluorescent, especially the compact fluorescents.
- 👉 Clean your light bulbs (when they are cool), since dirt absorbs light and wastes energy.
- 👉 Place your refrigerator away from the oven and dishwasher. If they must be next to each other, be sure there is insulation between them.
- 👉 Clean and defrost your refrigerator and freezer. Do not allow frost build up more than three inches thick. Turn your hot water heater down to 120 degrees to save money.
- 👉 Insulate your hot water supply pipes using polyurethane foam pipe wrap.
- 👉 Use cold water whenever possible to wash clothes, and always use cold water to rinse clothes.
- 👉 Keep refrigerator coils clean and unobstructed, clean around the motor only when unplugged.
- 👉 When drying clothes, try to do one load immediately after the next.

- 🔧 **Low flow shower heads can reduce your hot water energy usage by up to a third!**
- 🔧 **Seal areas where floor/ceiling joists meet walls. Seal openings between living areas /spaces.**

**Call PWC today at 513-351-7921 (OH) or 859-331-1991 (KY) to see if you, a friend, or a neighbor can qualify for PWC's FREE professional, energy-saving program! If you qualify for weatherization, you may qualify for PWC's other critical home repair services. Visit us at [www.pwchomerepairs.org](http://www.pwchomerepairs.org).**

### **About PWC...**

**People Working Cooperatively provides critical home repairs for at-risk homeowners who are very low-income, elderly or disabled. PWC also provides free home weatherization for low-income renters and homeowners who pay their own heating bill. This service may help save on your utility bills!**

**Our critical home repair and weatherization services are provided by our licensed, trained professionals. While our dedicated professional employees perform 85 percent of our services, our passionate corps of volunteers help with simple home repairs and maintenance.**

**Funded by Duke Energy, PWC's professional home weatherization program is available to all income-eligible Duke customers. The program includes furnace cleaning and tuning, air sealing, carbon monoxide testing and more. PWC is a member of the Greater Cincinnati Better Business Bureau and authorized to display the BBB's Wisegiving Seal of Approval. We are a three-time finalist of the BBB's Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics!**

**Homeowners who qualify for weatherization may also qualify for PWC's other services such as heating and plumbing repairs. Please call to discuss your specific need!**

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