

Rhode Island Department of Human Services Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)



What is the WAP?

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), overseen by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS), helps eligible households reduce energy costs by providing whole house energy efficiency services.

By addressing energy efficiency, families and individuals will save money on their energy costs and help ensure they'll have a safe and warm home all year. This program is geared towards reducing energy costs for low-income families — especially for households that include older adults, people with disabilities, and children.

How to apply?

Applicants should first apply at their local Community Action Program (CAP) agency for LIHEAP. Once eligibility is determined, consult with your local CAP Agency to schedule a Home Energy Assessment. Based on the results of your Home Energy Assessment, you may qualify for energy saving upgrades such as: home insulation, weatherstripping, air sealing, and health and safety measures such as installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and providing proper ventilation to the home. Here are a few important points that you should know:

- Homeowners and renters (with landlord approval) may be eligible for WAP services
- WAP applications are accepted at CAP agencies year round
- Older adults and disabled individuals will be accommodated by respective CAP agencies
- Non-English speakers and people with literacy challenges will also receive assistance

Anything else I should know?

Weatherization services are available to LIHEAP customers if their place of residence meets all other criteria. Specifically, homes that have been recently weatherized may not qualify for weatherization, and certain conditions, such as mold in the home, may cause weatherization measures to be deferred.

Have More Questions? Visit our website: <u>www.dhs.ri.gov</u> Call: 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, except holidays, from 8:30AM-3:00PM Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Customer Service: 1-888-979-9939