

CAT Utilities/Energy Resource List

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Many programs have different (often lower) income requirements. Check with the individual programs to see if you qualify. \$\$ = financial help with utilities.

Multnomah County

Multnomah Co. Weatherization Unit (988-3999 x22816) Offers all kinds of weatherization assistance (including health and safety checks, furnace replacement, insulation, help with mold and mildew problems) for low-income tenants. This weatherization help may reduce your energy costs by 25%.

City of Portland

Community Energy Project (284-6827) Offers free weatherization and water conservation workshops and **materials** to low-income Portland residents that will lower utility costs. These workshops are great!!

Block by Block – (823-7224) Offers renters of plexes or single-family homes free insulation for walls and attics, as well as other weatherization help.

CITY OF PORTLAND BUREAU OF WATER WORKS:

Leak Adjustment (823-7770): Water use that is significantly higher than the same quarter of the previous year may mean a leak. Under certain condition, water or sewer bills may be adjusted.

Crisis Assistance (823-7770): During a crisis, eligible households may receive up to \$75 in assistance once every 12 months. The customer must pay a portion of the bill to receive assistance.

Bill Discount (Contact the nearest Community Action Program):

Eligible households may receive a small quarterly discount on both sewer and water bills.

Sewer Backflow Prevention Device (for Landlords) 823-7740 The city of Portland will pay \$1500 towards the cost of installing a backflow prevention device.

Heat Assistance Statewide

State Home Oil Weatherization Program – (oil, kerosene, propane, wood – 1-800-452-8660) SHOW offers a free energy audit and money back on weatherization improvements in homes.

Community Action Programs – Each county in Oregon administers a CAP to offer free weatherization services to low-income households. Both single- and multi-family homes may be eligible. Priority is given to households with young children, elders, and persons with disabilities.

\$\$ Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) (December – March)

This is a first come, first serve, once-a-year energy assistance program. LIEAP offers a **grant** to low-income people who use electricity, gas, oil, or wood as their heating source. Callers should contact their local Community Action Program (in the metro area, call 222-5555 to find this out).

\$\$ Oregon HEAT

Offers primarily assistance with electric bills, but also has an oil program for certain areas (including Portland and Salem). This program assists PGE, Pacific Power, and some other utility company customers. Contact 612-3790 for more info, or call your utility provider, Community Action Program, or Salvation Army office.

\$\$ NW NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS: Gas Assistance Program (GAP)

Offers assistance with natural gas bills for low-income NW Natural customers usually between \$50-\$100.
Contact NW Natural gas or local Community Action Program.

For Weatherization/Energy Assistance Information:

Washington County Residents: Contact Community Action at 648-0829.

Clackamas County Residents: Clackamas Co. Weatherization 636-5101
Clackamas Co. Social Services 655-8861

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