



HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL AGENCY

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency can help heat your home more effectively



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As temperatures plummet to below zero, heating and energy costs are at the forefront of everyone's minds. Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency's Energy Services department offers a variety of energy conservation services to help families and individuals across all income ranges increase the comfort and safety of their home while decreasing their energy costs.

The agency's Energy Services department has provided energy conservation services in Cayuga County since 1976. The Weatherization Assistance Program, funded by the Home Energy Assistance Program by the Department of Energy and administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal, is the longest-standing program and is available to low-income homeowners and renters. Other services available include EmPower NY, Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, and Home Performance with ENERGY STAR programs that are funded by the New York Energy Research and Development Authority.

The first step in obtaining energy conservation services after being approved for one or more of the above-mentioned programs is the comprehensive home energy assessment. Many households will qualify for a free or reduced assessment, which will be conducted by a Building Performance Institute-certified auditor. The assessment is designed to determine the most cost-effective energy upgrades and health and safety measures that will benefit the customer by decreasing energy usage and increasing the comfort and safety of the home. Customers will be asked to participate in the assessment process to assist the auditor in locating areas of concern and providing the customer with valuable information about what they can do every day to reduce their energy bills.

BPI certified staff will interpret the findings of the home energy assessment and develop a detailed report outlining the measures that will increase the efficiency, comfort and safety of the home. Installations may include, but are not limited to attic, sidewall, crawlspace, rim joist and kneewall insulation, air sealing, heating system service, repair or replacement, replacement of inefficient appliances and lighting, and window and door repair or replacement. If the customer elects to move forward with all or part of the recommendations, the prescribed work is then completed by highly trained staff of the agency, and inspected upon completion by BPI certified staff.

For more information regarding any of the programs and services being offered by Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency's Energy Services Department, please contact the office at (315) 282-0531 ext. 520.