



Southwest Michigan CAA Weatherization Assistance Program

**Lower your Energy Bills
Increase Home Comfort
Get it all for FREE**

Counties served:
**Berrien, Cass,
Van Buren**

What is Weatherization?

Fueled by the 1973 energy crisis, weatherization was created in 1976 to decrease energy needs in each household. Today, people across the U.S. benefit from this program by lower energy bills, and a more comfortable home.

Services MAY include:

- Insulation
- LED Lights
- Furnace evaluation
- Smoke / CO detectors
- And MORE!!



Do you qualify for Weatherization?

2024 Income Poverty Guideline Chart (200%)

Family Size	<u>Max Gross Annual Income Limit</u>
1	\$30,120
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5+	\$73,160 + (\$10,760 per person)

How do I apply?

Best option: Call us at (269) 925-9077 Option 2

You may **email** us at weatherizationteam@smcaa.com



Who are we?

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency (SMCAA) utilizes grant funds to provide support to those in need. Find out more by going to our website at SMCAA.COM Or calling (269) 925-9077

Some of our programs:

- Community Services
- Food assistance
- Temporary shelter
- Home Development/Support
- **Weatherization Assistance**

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Weatherization Department

Phone: (269) 925-9077 Option 2

Office: 185 E. Main St.

Benton Harbor, MI, 49022



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Frequently Asked Questions

- **What does the Weatherization Program do?**
 - Weatherization focuses on energy efficiency improvements that are aimed at reducing your monthly energy bill. This commonly includes insulation and air-sealing the home, along with furnace and water heater check-ups to verify they are performing safely.
- **Can Weatherization repair my home?**
 - Major repairs involving roof, foundation, plumbing, electrical, etc., are **NOT** addressed by Weatherization. The program is designed to improve energy efficiency in a home, not restore it to 'like-new'.
 - Minor damage may be evaluated as part of the program, but there is no guarantee it will be addressed. Weatherization has limited funds to dedicate to each eligible household for energy efficiency improvements.
- **What does it cost?**
 - Homeowners do not pay a penny. There is no loan or lien placed on the house or property. We just ask that homeowners and their residents take the time to learn and practice more energy saving habits. Even if you know a lot of energy saving habits, there might be more that we could share with you!
- **What is expected from me in Weatherization?**
 - Weatherization is a partnership between the agency and the homeowner. We ask that you participate in the process of the program, including interacting with the energy auditor during the energy audit of your home, learn and practice some new energy savings tips and tricks to help reduce your energy bill further, and work with us on implementing the solutions prescribed to your home.
- **Do I need to find contractors?**
 - No. Weatherization uses contractors with specific training and licensing. Our agency has an agreement with various contractors that we would assign to your dwelling. You do not need to reach out to the contractors or find any, they will call you to schedule a time to conduct the work when you are next in the process.



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