



ENERGY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Lexington, KY has many different assistance programs and resources that are related to energy efficiency and weatherization. The programs listed vary to assist different income levels and have different modes of assistance. Check out the list of programs and see if you could benefit from any of the following.

KY HOME PERFORMANCE

KY Home Performance helps Kentucky homeowners save energy & money and improve the comfort of our homes. KHP has moved into Phase II which consists of two easy-access financing products to make energy-efficient improvements, including new mechanicals and equipment for your single-family home. Preapproval for financing is quick and easy with permanent approval typically within 24 hours. To see if you meet the minimum requirements and for more information Call: 877-282-9448

Benefits of KY Home Performance:

- Average savings of 20 percent or more on utility bills.
- Fewer drafts, greater comfort, and a healthier environment year-round.
- Confidence in working with KY Home Performance because your upgrades will be performed by specially-trained professionals.
- All homes receive whole-house energy evaluation by trained Building Performance Institute-certified professionals.
- Energy-efficiency improvements are a solid investment in your home's value today, and the payback gets better with every utility rate increase.

Website: <http://kyhomeperformance.org/Pages/Finance-Options.aspx>



KENTUCKY WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WX)

The Weatherization Assistance Program is the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program. Trained inspectors and crews with state of the art equipment aim to reduce the cost of energy for low income families. The mission of the Kentucky Weatherization Assistance Program is to improve energy efficiency, household safety, and to educate the public about maintaining energy efficiency. You can apply for weatherization assistance through Community Action Kentucky at their office. To apply you need: SSN#'s for all family members, income verification for everyone over 18 residing in the home, Columbia Gas account number, and KY utilities account number. Office: 913 Georgetown St. Lexington, KY 40508

Website: <http://www.communityactionky.org/weatherization.html>

“WECARE” RESIDENTIAL LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

This KU program is designed to create savings through weatherization and energy education to help income-eligible customers in need. The WeCare program helps provide more efficient, safe, and comfortable homes. Homes may not be properly maintained or weatherized as well as they could be; therefore, it takes more energy to heat or cool the home. To pinpoint areas that could use improvement, many WeCare participants receive a walk-through inspection and energy education. Customers receive a furnace and water heater system inspection and some may also receive air sealing and attic insulation.

Because it's often difficult to make the necessary repairs to save energy, KU works with Community Action Agencies to identify customers who are heavy users of energy and help them find ways to reduce their energy consumption.

Website: <https://lge-ku.com/saving-energy-money/wecare-program/wecare-how-it-works>



BLUEGRASS GREENSOURCE



WINTERCARE

The WinterCare Energy Fund was established in Kentucky in 1983, when local community action agencies and local utility companies partnered up to help address the needs of low-income Kentuckians to heat their homes. The program helps individuals that cannot be assisted through other heating programs but demonstrate financial need. This innovative program also gives residential utility customers the opportunity to help low income families simply by contributing through their monthly bill. In most cases, the utility matches that tax-deductible contribution before sending it to WinterCare.

Website: <http://www.communityactionky.org/wintercare.html>

KENTUCKY UTILITIES HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEA)

Program participants receive a credit to their Kentucky utilities account in January, February, March, July, August, September, and December. The total annual benefit for this program is \$294 in 2009. Participants must pay the remaining balance on their bill. If a participant is unable to pay the remaining balance he/she will be disconnected from utility service. Participant will also be un-enrolled from the program and must be placed on a waiting list after filling out a new application. This program is funded by Kentucky Utilities Company.

FRIDGE AND FREEZER RECYCLING PROGRAM

KU's Fridge and Freezer recycling program helps residential customers haul away and safely recycle inefficient refrigerators and freezers. In return for reducing energy consumption and recycling appliances, customers will receive \$50 per appliance.

Website: <https://lge-ku.com/saving-energy-money/fridge-and-freezer-recycling>





LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

This federal program helps provide heating assistance to over \$100,000 families in Kentucky each year. It operates in two components: The Subsidy component and the Crisis Component. Subsidy assistance offers participants a one-time credit to their utility bill and is available November through mid-December. Crisis assistance offers participants who have received a disconnection notice (who are within four days of running out of home heating fuel) payment of their utility bill with a co-pay requirement.

Website: <http://www.commaction.org/liheap2015.pdf>

EMERGENCY UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE

Many organizations in Lexington KY provide emergency financial assistance on utility bills. While the energy audit kit may provide lower utility costs next month, do not hesitate to call these organizations for immediate assistance for high utility bills:

- Community Action Council: (859)233-4600
- Catholic Charities: (859)253-3339
- Lexington Rescue Mission: (859)368-8057
- Salvation Army: (859)252-7706

