

Do I Qualify for Assistance?

You may be eligible for the following programs based on your **monthly income (before taxes)**:

2020-2021 Eligibility [†]	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5
Electric: GMP	\$1,595	\$2,156	\$2,715	\$3,275	\$3,836
Fuel Assist.	\$1,967	\$2,658	\$3,349	\$4,039	\$4,730
COVER Home Repair	\$1,967	\$2,658	\$3,349	\$4,039	\$4,730
Crisis Fuel ★	\$2,126	\$2,874	\$3,620	\$4,366	\$5,114
504 Repair		\$3,108			\$4,104
Weatheriza- tion (WAP) ★	\$3,700	\$4,227	\$4,758	\$5,287	\$5,710
Fuel Tank Replacemen	<\$65,000 (annual income)				
Energy Star	\$5,567	\$6,350	\$7,240	\$8,733	\$10,227

[†]Eligibility guidelines listed are for reference only, please call agencies for the most up-to-date information.

What are

*Community Action Agencies?

These nonprofit agencies help Vermonters meet basic needs and become self-sufficient. The programs marked with a ★ above are run through your Community Action Agency.

Southeastern VT Community Action (SEVCA)

Windsor & Windham Counties

White River Jct Office: 802-295-5215 Website:

Springfield Office: 802-885-6153 sevca.org

Capstone Community Action

Orange County plus Barnard, Bethel, Royalton & Sharon

Bradford Office: 802-222-5419 Website:

Randolph Office: 802-728-9506 capstonevt.org

VERMONT RESOURCES

**VT Economic Services Division
Benefits Call Center:**
800-479-6151

Vermont 2-1-1:
Available 24/7 Dial 211

Vermont Senior Helpline:
800-642-5119

GMP Electric Assistance:
800-775-0516

Upper Valley Mutual Aid:
802-727-0311

After Hours Crisis Fuel:
800-479-6151

Efficiency Vermont:
888-921-5990

Apply online for benefits:
dcf.vermont.gov/benefits

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Upper Valley Energy Savings Guide

For Vermont Residents

Local and state programs to
lower your short term and
long term energy costs

Stay warm this season!



Weatherization

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Save fuel and money by improving the energy efficiency of your home – at **no cost** to you!

Services include state-of-the-art energy audits, insulation and air sealing, heating system improvements, and other energy-saving measures. To learn more and apply:

- **Call** your local Community Action Agency*
- **Visit** dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization

COVER Weatherization

COVER Home Repair is providing free or low cost **Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Weatherization kits** this season as all home weatherization projects are currently suspended. Applications for weatherization projects like insulated skirting or roofing insulation are still being accepted for when work resumes. To request a custom DIY kit:

- **Call** Rachel at 802-296-7241 ext. 4
- **Visit** coverhomerepair.org

Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES)

Work with an approved contractor to weatherize your home, and Efficiency Vermont will pay **50% of your project cost** up to \$4,000 for income-eligible residents! Projects must be completed by **Dec. 31, 2020** to get the rebate.

- **Choose an approved contractor online** at efficiencyvermont.com/find-contractor-retailer
- **Call** Efficiency Vermont at 888-921-5990



Fuel Assistance

Seasonal Fuel Assistance

Are you keeping warm this winter? Vermont's fuel assistance program may be able to pay a portion of your heating bills.

There are many ways to apply:

- **Call** the VT Benefits Center at 800-479-6151 to have an application mailed to you
- **Visit** dcf.vermont.gov/mybenefits to apply online
- **Call** your local Community Action Agency* if you need help applying

Crisis Fuel Assistance

Are you facing a heating emergency or worried about utility disconnection? Your local Community Action Agency* may be able to help pay for and schedule an emergency fuel delivery, a furnace repair/replacement, or help prevent an electric disconnection.

- **Call** your local Community Action Agency* for an appointment
- **Visit** dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/crisis-fuel

Listen Heating Helpers

Listen Community Services, a local nonprofit, can help pay for fuel or prevent electric service disconnections. Help is available year-round with no income limits! Must reside within their service area.

- **Call** LISTEN at 603-448-4553 to apply
- **Visit** listencs.org/heating-helpers



Other Assistance

Electric Assistance (GMP)

You may be able to get a 25% discount on your monthly Green Mountain Power (GMP) bill based on income eligibility! To apply:

- **Call** 800-775-0516 to request an application
- **Visit** dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/eap/gmp

504 Single Family Home Repair

Need a home repair before weatherization can begin? Eligible Vermonters can receive a grant for home repairs. To learn more:

- **Call** Ryan Bonacum 802-689-3028
- **Visit** rd.usda.gov/vt

Utility Payments

Worried about past due utility bills? Vermont can help! This program is not based on income eligibility. **Deadline to apply is Dec. 15, 2020.** To learn more:

- **Call** your local Community Action Agency* and ask about the COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program
- **Visit** publicservice.vermont.gov

HeatSquad Energy Audits

NeighborWorks of Western VT provides low-cost energy audits that identify where your home is losing heat and can provide an estimate of energy savings, projects costs, incentives, and project recommendations.

- **Call** 802-438-2303 to schedule an audit
- **Visit** heatsquad.org/home-energy-audits

We know applying for programs can sometimes be stressful and hard to navigate, so we created helpful fact sheets to make the process easier.

Visit vitalcommunities.org/energysavings to download our fact sheets, or call us at 802-291-9100.