

# Saving Energy is Everyone's Responsibility

Income guidelines: Fall within 200% Federal Poverty Level income guidelines.

## Income Guidelines

# in HH	Weatherization Only
1	\$1,980
2	\$2,670
3	\$3,360
4	\$4,050
5	\$4,740

## Weatherization Assistance Programs

Phone: (253)798-4400 Option 3

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Home and Family Services  
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## About the Department

Community Connections links clients to services ranging from energy assistance, early childhood education, nutrition, and drug and violence prevention programs, to care management assisting clients to remain living in their homes.

In addition, we work on initiatives to combat homelessness and facilitate the development of low-income housing.



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To learn more about services offered  
by

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# Weatherization Plus Health

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Resilient individuals.  
Strong families.

## Weatherization Plus Health

### Basic

The intent of the Weatherization Plus Health (Wx+H) funding is to improve household occupant health with identified health needs such as; asthma, respiratory illness, or preventing slips, trips, and falls. The Basic Wx+H program adds limited Healthy Homes Improvements to the existing suite of approved weatherization activities. The Wx+H Program ensures that homes meet minimum health and safety requirements and reduces disease and injury outcomes from housing related hazards.

#### Example of Basic measures:

- Wx+H Client Education
- Green Cleaning Kit
- Dust Mite Cover
- Walk-off Door Mat
- CO Detector.
- Smoke Detector.
- HEPA Vacuum Cleaner
- HEPA Furnace Filter
- Slip and Fall Prevention:
  - Handrails
  - Grab bars
  - Shower mat
- Ramps and fixing irregular steps (limited)
- Pest Mitigation.
- Mold and Moisture Reduction.
  - Dehumidifier
  - Dehumidistat
  - Leak repair

## WX+ Health Enhanced working in

### Partnership with Tacoma Pierce County Health Department

Qualified participants will have one on one and phone appointments with an Asthma or COPD specialist

Enhanced Program includes basic measures

plus:

- Sump Pump
- Drainage system
- Mold Abatement
- Mechanical Ventilation (exhaust only).
- Advance Mechanical Ventilation
- Roofing
- Flooring
- Gutter and Downspout
- Comprehensive Cleaning (one time)
- HVAC System Cleaning
- Crawlspace Improvements
- Air Filter/Purifier

## 8 tips for a Healthy Home

- 1. Keep it Dry:** Prevent water from entering your home through leaks in roofing systems, rain water from entering the home due to poor drainage, and check your interior plumbing for any leaking.
- 2. Keep it Clean:** Control the source of dust and contaminants, creating smooth and cleanable surfaces, reducing clutter, and using effective wet-cleaning methods.
- 3. Keep it Safe:** Store poisons out of the reach of children and properly label. Secure loose rugs and keep children's play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep fire extinguishers on hand.
- 4. Keep it Well-Ventilated:** Ventilate bathrooms and kitchens and use whole house ventilation for supplying fresh air to reduce the concentration of contaminants in the home.
- 5. Keep it Pest-free:** All pests look for food, water and shelter. Seal cracks and openings throughout the home; store food in pest-resistant containers. If needed, use sticky-traps and baits in closed containers, along with least toxic pesticides such as boric acid powder.
- 6. Keep it Contaminant-free:** Reduce lead-related hazards in pre-1978 homes by fixing deteriorated paint, and keeping floors and window areas clean using a wet-cleaning approach.
- 7. Keep it Well-Maintained:** Inspect, clean and repair your home routinely. Take care of minor repairs and problems before they become large repairs and problems.
- 8. Thermally Controlled:** Houses that do not maintain adequate temperatures may place the safety of residents at increased risk from exposure to extreme cold or heat.



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