

**RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION PLUS PROGRAM**  
**March 2010**

Since 1982, Cowlitz PUD has been helping its customers reduce their monthly electric bills and make their homes more comfortable through our weatherization programs. Under the current program – **Residential Weatherization Plus** – we may be able to pay a substantial portion of the cost to insulate your site-built, electrically-heated residence, rental home or multi-family building with the following incentives:

<u>Measure</u>	<u>PUD Incentives</u>	
	<u>Non-Low-Income</u>	<u>Low-Income</u>
Attic Insulation	\$ 0.40/sq. ft.	\$ 1.00/sq. ft.
Floor Insulation	\$ 0.40/sq. ft.	\$ 1.00/sq. ft.
Wall Insulation (blown in)	\$ 0.70/sq. ft.	\$ 1.00/sq. ft.
Knee Wall Insulation (batts)	\$ 0.25/sq. ft.	\$ 1.00/sq. ft.
Replacement Windows (Effective 5/1/09)	\$ 6.00/sq. ft.	Up to \$20.00/sq. ft.

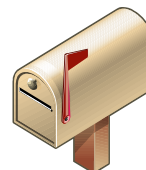
Qualified low-income residents (with a household income less than 125% of federal poverty guidelines) may receive a higher incentive for each weatherization measure and for replacement windows. Low-income status is determined by the Lower Columbia Community Action Council (CAP). **If you think you or your tenant may qualify for low-income funding, please contact CAP’s Weatherization Department at 425-3430 Extension 228 for an appointment to review your financial situation.** Be sure to advise CAP that you or your tenant want to be certified as low-income-qualified for the PUD’s Weatherization Program. To qualify for the low-income incentives, we must receive verification of low-income status from CAP prior to approval of any weatherization measures. Low-income residents are required to get two or more bids from PUD-qualified contractors.

The attached information will explain how Cowlitz PUD’s Weatherization Plus Program works. Please read the material carefully and call us at 360-577-7514 or 800-631-1131 if you are interested in weatherizing your home. We’ll arrange for a free energy audit of your home by a PUD Conservation Advisor, if one has not already been done for you or a previous owner, explain how to get bids from our PUD-qualified contractors, and answer any questions you may have about the program and its potential benefits for you.

**VERY IMPORANT:** It is possible that funding for this program can change or end at any time. Right now, funds are available for financial incentives under our Residential Weatherization Plus Program. Please be aware that funding for this program is provided through the Bonneville Power Administration and, if you decide to wait, it may change or be discontinued in the future without notice.



**Cowlitz PUD**  
**Conservation Department**  
 360-577-7514 or  
 1-800-631-1131



**Cowlitz PUD**  
**Conservation Department**  
 P.O. Box 3007  
 961 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Longview, WA 98632

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**Program Basics**

If a site-built home has permanently installed electric heat prior to weatherization work being authorized, and has had an energy audit completed by the PUD, the following weatherization measures may be partially funded by Cowlitz PUD's Residential Weatherization Plus Program. To be eligible for financial incentives, all weatherization measures must be pre-authorized by the PUD and installed by the contractor selected by the homeowner from the PUD's Qualified Conservation Contractor List.

Eligible measures include:

- ✓ Insulating of ceiling, floor and/or walls
- ✓ Air sealing in conjunction with installing ceiling and/or floor insulation
- ✓ Replacement Windows

**Steps for participation in our program:**

1. The homeowner calls the PUD Conservation Department at 577-7514 or 800-631-1131 to determine eligibility for our program. At this time, weatherization funds are available. However, if funds are not immediately available to assist with weatherizing the residence, the owner's name will be placed on a waiting list to be contacted when funds are again available. Only homeowners can place a residence on the waiting list.
2. Once eligibility has been determined, the PUD will provide the homeowner with a Qualified Contractors list, from which the owner may call and schedule bid appointments. Except for the Low-Income Program, the PUD does not require a specific number of bids; however, we suggest that two bids be obtained to ensure competitive pricing for the eligible weatherization measures to be installed. Low-Income Program participants must obtain a minimum of two bids.
3. When the homeowner has the bids in-hand, call the PUD Conservation Department to schedule a bid review appointment.
4. The homeowner then brings all the bids to the scheduled appointment at the PUD office to review the bids and select the contractor of the owner's choice to do the eligible weatherization work.
5. The PUD will contact the contractor chosen regarding the work to be done at the home.

Following is a more detailed description of Cowlitz PUD's Residential Weatherization Plus Program.

An indoor air quality brochure prepared by BPA is also available at the PUD office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PUD Conservation Department at (360) 577-7514 or (800) 631-1131.

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**Program Guidelines and Requirements**

Cowlitz County Public Utility District provides the Residential Weatherization Plus Program whereby financial incentives for installed insulation measures are offered to qualified residential customers in site-built, electrically-heated homes.

Program funding is available to residential, owner-occupied, as well as rental dwellings. The funding is available in the form of an outright grant and not as a loan. There is no direct payback at any time under this program.

**Residential Building Eligibility:** There are two fundamental criteria that must be met for a residential building to be eligible for financial incentives under this program.

1. The residence must be site-built and have permanently installed electric heat prior to weatherization work being authorized. Some portable electric heating systems may meet this requirement. Also, if the home is partially heated by oil, gas or wood, only that portion of the home with permanently installed electric heat will qualify. However, a home with an operable central ducted gas, oil or wood heat system and permanently installed electric heat may qualify under certain conditions.
2. An energy audit must be performed on the residence by a Cowlitz PUD-certified energy analyst prior to the installation of weatherization measures in order for the measure to be eligible for an incentive.

Residential dwellings (except mobile/manufactured homes) meeting the above criteria may be eligible for financial incentives for the following weatherization measures:

1. Ceiling insulation, including under attics, exterior or interior rigid roofs, and ventilation, as required.
2. Floor insulation including ground cover vapor barrier, hot and cold water pipe insulation, and ventilation, as required.
3. Blown wall insulation for exterior wall cavities, open exterior, attic knee walls, and heated basement walls, as required.
4. Air sealing as required in conjunction with installed ceiling and floor insulation.
5. Replacement windows

**Rotten or Pest-infested Building Members:** Insulation must not be installed over or under rotten or pest-infested spaces. Any needed repair work must be done at the homeowner's expense prior to weatherization. A routine crawl space inspection by a qualified pest inspection contractor is highly recommended by the PUD prior to weatherization.

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**Financial Incentives**

The financial incentives available for eligible residences are determined by the square footage of the area being weatherized. Homeowners are not required to accept the lowest bid.

**Non-Low Income Residents:** The financial incentives available for an eligible residence are listed below. One or more PUD-Qualified Contractor bids are required.

<u>Measure</u>	<u>PUD Incentives</u>
Attic Insulation	\$ 0.40/sq. ft.
Floor Insulation	\$ 0.40/sq. ft.
Wall Insulation (blown in)	\$ 0.70/sq. ft.
Knee Wall Insulation (batts)	\$ 0.25/sq. ft.
Replacement Windows	\$ 6.00/sq. ft.

**Low-Income Residents:** The financial incentives available for an eligible residence with a low-income occupant are listed below. For low-income residences, two or more PUD-Qualified Contractor bids are required.

<u>Measure</u>	<u>PUD Incentives</u>
Attic Insulation	\$1.00/sq. ft.
Floor Insulation	\$1.00/sq. ft.
Wall Insulation (blown in)	\$1.00/sq. ft.
Knee Wall Insulation (batts)	\$1.00/sq. ft.
Replacement Windows	Up to \$20.00/sq. ft.

It is to the homeowner's benefit to identify a low-income occupant (household income less than 125 percent of federal poverty guidelines), because of the additional incentives available. Please contact the PUD Conservation Department with any questions regarding the Lower Columbia Community Action Council (CAP) low-income referral required for this provision of the Weatherization Program.

It should be understood that funding for the Residential Weatherization Plus Program can change at any time. The financial incentives for the installation of any weatherization measures are subject to the availability of funding through the Bonneville Power Administration and, therefore, may not be available in the future. If funds are not available immediately, we can put the homeowner's name on a waiting list to be contacted if funding again becomes available.

The PUD is not obligated to authorize work for which bids or costs are determined to be excessive or unreasonable.

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**PUD-Qualified Contractor List**

Only the independent contractors on the following list are currently approved by the PUD to perform weatherization measures under the Residential Weatherization Plus Program. These contractors have agreed to comply with our installation and material standards and specifications.

**Financial incentives are only available for PUD-preauthorized weatherization measures installed by these approved contractors.**

To assure that program standards and specifications are met, all weatherization work done by these contractors under this program must be inspected by the PUD.

We cannot be held responsible for contractor-caused damages or work done beyond the scope of the weatherization specifications, nor for any lien(s) placed on your property by your contractor's supplier(s).

The participating contractors are listed in alphabetical order. Cowlitz PUD does not specifically endorse or recommend any one contractor over another on the list. It should be understood that the contractor selected is the *homeowner's* contractor, and the work performed is for the homeowner. The PUD merely acts as an agent for the incentive funds provided to the contractor, as long as your contractor performs the work in accordance with program specifications. However, if you have problems with your contractor, we are available to help resolve the situation.

Please do not request bids from these contractors unless you intend to proceed in a timely manner. Out-of-date bid proposals cannot be accepted.

**PUD-Qualified Contractor List**

**American Home Weatherization**  
1801 Van Wormer Street  
Centralia, WA 98531  
(360) 736-3377

Replacement Windows Only

**American Windows & Doors, Inc.**  
1819 Schurman Way, Suite 102  
Woodland, WA 98674  
(360) 225-9997

Replacement Windows Only

**Bob Large Construction, LLC**  
2240 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Longview, WA 98632  
(360) 442-0082

Replacement Windows Only

**Ashby Builders, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 1870  
Castle Rock, WA 98611  
(360) 274-4061

Replacement Windows  
**Ceiling, Floor & Wall Insulation**  
**Air Sealing**

**Corbett Construction**  
537 Bryant Hill Road  
Woodland, WA 98674  
(360) 921-1323

Replacement Windows Only

**Daystar Windows & Doors, Inc.**  
1206 N.E. 146<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D  
Vancouver, WA 98685  
1-(888) 344-8008 (Toll Free)

Replacement Windows Only

**Deb's Construction Co.**  
P.O. Box 1684  
Kalama, WA 98625  
(360) 573-1985 (Vancouver)

Replacement Windows Only

**Erickson Glass Co.**  
1053 Third Avenue  
Longview, WA 98632  
(360) 423-7360

Replacement Windows Only

**Gale Contractor Services**  
1900 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B-207  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
(360) 694-3030 (Vancouver)

**Ceiling, Floor & Wall Insulation**  
**Air Ceiling**

**Henderson & Daughter Windows & Doors**  
11819 'A' N.E. Hwy. 99  
Vancouver, WA 98686  
(360) 573-7402 (Vancouver)

Replacement Windows Only

**JXL Siding, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 447  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
(360) 686-4212

Replacement Windows Only

**Rister Insulation, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 371  
Castle Rock, WA 98611  
(360) 274-5361

Replacement Windows  
**Ceiling, Floor & Wall Insulation**  
**Air Sealing**

**Twin City Glass Co., Inc.**  
916 Vandercook Way  
Longview, WA 98632  
(360) 425-4540

Replacement Windows Only



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## PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

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Thank you for your interest in our conservation program. We hope you will decide to participate in these energy savings activities. If you do, it is necessary for you to provide some information to Cowlitz PUD and BPA which will enable us to run this program successfully.

The information to be collected includes the names and addresses of residential consumers participating in the program and technical data about the energy use and efficiency of their homes. We need this information to determine whether you are eligible for the program. Beyond this, the information collected will be used to evaluate and audit the conservation program.

At BPA's request, Cowlitz County PUD will provide BPA with this information. BPA may also wish to make certain site visits to evaluate the installations and the performance of the program.

This and other data will then be used to assist BPA and the region's utilities in developing new programs and to assess energy savings obtained by existing programs in the region. This information will be retained for three years. It may be released to the public but only in anonymous statistical form.