

Brenda's Weatherization Story

When Brenda called the State of Vermont to see if she qualified for the Weatherization Assistance Program, she couldn't believe her good fortune.

"I live on a fixed income and though I'm getting older, I want to stay in my home as long as possible. But just like me, my home is aging. It needed work – work I couldn't really afford. Then, my neighbor told me about Vermont's Weatherization Program. She qualified and said I should look into it. So I did. I qualified too!"

Brenda, like many Vermonters, didn't realize she was eligible for Vermont's Weatherization Assistance Program. And that qualifying for assistance meant she could get weatherization services at absolutely no cost to her.

"I don't think I've ever, ever come across such detailed, generous, efficient guys in all my life. I can't say enough good things about them. They didn't miss a thing. They did everything and stayed right with it. They worked on the furnace. They made sure the airflow was in order. They fixed my vents and sealed them. They put insulation in. Checked my plumbing. Took care of the heat tape. They were wonderful. On a scale of 1 to 10, the weatherization crew is an 11!"

For Brenda, hearing about the program from her neighbor and then seeing an ad about it prompted her to call.

"I wanted to know if I was eligible for the program. I live by myself. I'm 72. I can only do so much. Prior to these guys, I had some work done that wasn't done well. I wanted to feel comfortable. These guys did that. I can't believe they did it at no charge. And they cleaned up after themselves, never left any messes. I can't say enough good things about them. They are over the top!"

The Weatherization Assistance Program improves the energy efficiency of hundreds of Vermont homes every year. Applying is easy. Local weatherization agencies can answer your questions and help you apply.

"My furnace is quieter now. It kicks on much less frequently than before, and the cost to maintain my home is less. I'm anxious to see how much fuel I save over the winter. I have a feeling I'm going to be very happy. The Weatherization program is worth its weight in gold, and I am so grateful for their help. I've told everybody I know they've got to apply!"

Learn more at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization>