Where to Get Help with Repairs that Energy Conservation Doesn't Cover

Here are some resources that may be helpful:

USDA 504 Loan and Grant Program: A program for low-income households and for necessary home repairs and improvements. For more information:

USDA-RD Specialist: 603.223.6035

Website: www.rd.usda.gov/nh

Safetank: A program that will help with costs associated with replacing oil tanks.

For an application call: 603.271.3577

COVER Home Repair Program: For homes within 45 minutes of White River Junction, VT.

Phone: 802.296.7241

Email: apply@coverhomerepair.org

Choices for Independence Program (CFI): A Medicaid-funded program that provides a range of services, including home modifications (ramps, grab bars). Contact ServiceLink.

Phone: 866.634.9412

Website: www.servicelink.nh.gov

NHSaves: Appliance rebate programs, energy saving tips, and more. For more information:

Website: nhsaves.com

Contact your electric utility provider

Southwestern Community Services

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63 Community Way
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Open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday

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Energy Conservation Program

A program to help reduce heating and energy costs for income-eligible households

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What Is Energy Conservation and Weatherization?

- The Energy Conservation Program lowers household energy costs.
- SCS Energy Conservation consists of the Weatherization Assistance Program, the utility-managed Home Energy Assistance Program, and the LIHEAP Building Weatherization Program.
- An energy audit finds opportunities for energy saving improvements and ways to increase energy efficiency, comfort, and safety.
- An energy auditor tests for air leaks and heat loss; examines heating and electric costs due to inefficient appliances; determines the health of a refrigerator, hot water heater, and heating system; tests for carbon monoxide and gas leaks; and checks electric panels and wiring for safety.

How Can the Program Lower Energy Costs and Improve Safety?

- Insulates and air seals
- Repairs or replaces inefficient/unsafe hot water heaters, refrigerators, and heating systems
- Installs smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Provides humidity control in problem areas, such as bathrooms
- Installs LED bulbs, water saving low-flow shower and faucet heads

What Energy Conservation Is Not

- It is not an emergency program.
- It is not a home repair or rehabilitation program (examples: roof and window replacement, plumbing leaks, septic system repair, cement pads, electricity/ wiring issues).

How Do I Apply?

- All applicants must complete a fuel assistance application with the Energy Services team to be deemed income eligible.
- Once a household is enrolled in the Fuel/ Electric Assistance Program, they are income-eligible for the Energy Conservation Program.
- Each applicant must complete a Client Questionnaire and contact the ECP Program Coordinator at 603.719.4284 or email ssantor@scshelps.org.

Additional Information

- There is a waiting list for the program, and, on average, we complete 50 to 75 homes each year. Due to high demand, you may need to wait longer than one year for an energy audit.
- To discuss heating system repair or replacement please call 603.719.4284.