

ENERGY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

This is a list of agencies and organizations that may be able to provide energy assistance to those in need. Each has guidelines for eligibility that can be accessed by contacting the agencies below: Note that these programs may change each year.

Low Income Home Energy Program (LIHEAP) - Worcester Community Action Council (WCAC)

1-800-545-4577 or 508-754-1176 Ext. 110 or 114

- Federal program
- Individuals & families up to 200% of the poverty level
- Amount varies by client income
- Verifications required

Weatherization Assistance Program - WCAC

1-800-545-4577 or 508-754-1176 Ext. 110 or 114

- Federal program
- Will install weather-stripping and insulation for homeowners and renters
- For LIHEAP clients

Appliance Management Program - WCAC

1-800-545-4577 or 508-754-1176 Ext. 110 or 114

- Federal and local utility program
- Provide a home energy survey
- Review usage
- Replace refrigerator or freezer
- Energy conservation improvements available

National Grid Energy Wise Program - WCAC is the acting coordinating agent for National Grid in its multi-family residential conservation

program. Contact: Mark Sanborn, Director of Energy Resources

508-754-1176 ext. 149

- Upgrades lighting fixtures, light bulbs & refrigerators
- Multi-family buildings with five to 25 apartment units are eligible.
- This program is of little to no cost for building owners.

Heartwap - WCAC

1-800-545-4577 or 508-754-1176 Ext. 110 or 114

- Federal program, for homeowners only
- For those receiving LIHEAP
- Help clients repair their heating system

Good Neighbor Energy Fund: Salvation Army

1-800-334-3047 (serving area codes 508, 617, 781 and 978) or
1-800-262-1320 (serving area code 413)

- Individuals and families from 200% - 275% of poverty level
- Application requires verification of income
- Assistance is \$300
- Temporary financial difficulty

Citizens Energy – 1-877-JOE-4OIL (1-877-563-4645)

Requirements:

- You are facing a financial hardship.
- You are not eligible for Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP), or you have used up your LIHEAP benefits.
- You heat with oil, kerosene, or natural gas.
- You are a resident of Massachusetts.
- You have not received financial help from Citizens Energy during this heating season.

Benefit: Voucher for a one-time oil delivery of 100 gallons

Catholic Charities – Southbridge

79 Elm Street

Southbridge, MA 01550

508-765-5936

TRI-VALLEY Elder Services – may have a heating program in place. Call
1-800-286-6640

** Negotiate with your utility provider*

** Keep in mind as well that many local churches provide assistance to members of their congregation, so please reach out to your Pastor, Priest, or appropriate representative.*