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## **Turn down the heat with free weatherization or insulation rebates** *County programs support household improvements for energy efficiency*

**Littleton, Colo.** — As winter hits the metro area, residents can tap into a number of County resources to make their households more energy efficient and help reduce their heating costs.

The Arapahoe County Weatherization Division, in partnership with the Governor's Energy Office, offers free energy audits and household weatherization services to low-to-moderate income residents of both Arapahoe and Adams Counties. In addition, *Insulate Colorado* rebates are available to help any homeowner recoup the costs of installing insulation and sealing air leaks.

"If you are paying for energy that escapes from inefficient areas in your home, we encourage you to seek out our weatherization services or rebates to help alleviate the costs of making household improvements for long-term energy and cost savings," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer.

### **Weatherization Services**

Free weatherization services are available to income-eligible residents in Adams and Arapahoe County living in owner-occupied homes or rental properties, including single-family houses, mobile homes, and multi-family units up to a four-plex.

Weatherization involves installing energy conservation measures and energy-efficient appliances. After conducting a free energy audit in a residence, a County crew will provide selected services to achieve long-term energy efficiency, such as sealing major air leaks; adding insulation to attics, walls and crawl spaces; performing health and safety tests on furnaces and water heaters; making necessary repairs to furnaces and water heaters; and installing high-efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs, all at no cost.

To qualify, residents must meet gross annual income guidelines (\$21,660 for a one-person household, plus \$7,480 for each additional household member). Residents who receive benefits from any of the following programs are automatically eligible for free weatherization services: Colorado Works (TANF), Aid to the Needy Disabled, Old Age Pension, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid or LEAP.

### **Insulation and Air Sealing Rebates**

Arapahoe County residents also may be eligible to receive up to 20 percent of the cost (or a maximum of \$300) in *Insulate Colorado* rebates for attic and wall insulation and air-sealing work completed in their homes by a program-eligible contractor by December 2009.

“Don’t let this opportunity pass you by. If you’re considering installing insulation or sealing air leaks in your home, apply now and let the rebate help you pay to save energy and lower your utility bills,” said Commissioner Dyer.

Residents who are *not* Xcel Energy customers can access the rebate through Arapahoe County, while Xcel Energy gas and electric customers can apply for rebates through Xcel’s rebate program.

To learn more, please contact the Arapahoe County Weatherization Division at 303-636-1982 or visit our web site at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) and click on “Services,” then “Weatherization.”

Funding for weatherization services and *Insulate Colorado* is provided by the Colorado Governor’s Energy Office and the U.S. Department of Energy Denver Regional Office. For more information, please call the GEO at 1-800-632-6662 or visit [www.colorado.gov/energy](http://www.colorado.gov/energy).

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*Caption:*

**Insulation 1.jpg:** *Arapahoe County Weatherization tech Shawn Black blows insulation material made of recycled newspaper into the attic of an Englewood resident in December.*