

Energy Efficiency Programs

Energy efficiency programs can help you lower your electricity bill and make your home more comfortable. By improving the energy efficiency of your home you're using less energy to do the same job—whether it's for cooling, keeping the lights on, or running appliances. These upgrades can help you save an average of \$34 per month on your energy bills.

What does energy efficiency look like in your home?

- Air & duct sealing to stop leaks and drafts
- Attic insulation to keep cool air in and hot air out
- LED light bulbs to save energy
- Energy efficient showerheads and faucet aerators to save water and energy
- HVAC tune-ups to help your AC run better

If you rent your home you can usually still participate in energy efficiency programs but you must obtain permission from your landlord first.

Energy efficiency is one of the easiest ways to take control of your energy use and put money back in your pocket. Don't wait—get started today!

Below is information about Cleco's Power Wise Program and the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) program. These programs unfortunately do not coordinate with each other. While the programs are similar, the specifics of what each program offers and the eligibility requirements vary. We recommend residents explore all options to determine what program best fits their needs.

We've outlined some of the key differences below:

- Threshold for participation is different
 - The federal WAP program has lower income eligibility thresholds than Cleco's Income Qualified Weatherization Program
- Help provided is different
 - The help is better with the federal WAP program. WAP also has some money to spend on moderate repairs that may be necessary before the weatherization updates happen. As far as we are aware the Cleco program does not offer that kind of assistance.

Cleco's Power Wise Program

Cleco's **Power Wise Weatherization Program** helps customers make their homes more energy efficient by providing them with a free energy assessment that may include:

- Diagnostic testing for potential air and duct leakage, followed by air and duct sealing
- Blown in attic insulation
- Low-flow faucet aerators and shower heads for customers with electric heating

Cleco also has an **Income-Qualified Weatherization Program** which provides additional assistance at no cost if your household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

DO I QUALIFY?

- All Cleco residential customers can apply for the Power Wise Program to receive a home energy assessment at no cost to you.
- The Income-Qualified Weatherization Program is available for residential customers whose income level is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
 - Household of 1 maximum household income is \$31,300 annually
 - Household of 2 maximum household income is \$42,300 annually
 - Household of 3 maximum household income is \$53,300 annually
 - Household of 4 maximum household income is \$64,300 annually
 - Household of 5 maximum household income is \$75,300 annually
 - Household of 6 maximum household income is \$86,300 annually
 - Income guidelines for larger households found at: <u>bit.ly/federalguidelines2025</u>
- If you live in a multifamily home, like an apartment building, there must be five or more on-site assessments scheduled to take place.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Sign up is the same for either weatherization program. Customers may sign up at <u>www.cleco.com/weatherization</u> or by calling Power Wise at 1-833-373-6842.

Once signed up, a Cleco-approved contractor will schedule the weatherization assessment. A list of approved contractors can be found at <u>bit.ly/powerwisecontractors</u>.

Federal & State Programs

The federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) can help low-income households improve the energy efficiency of their home <u>at no cost</u>. In Louisiana, the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) works in partnership with local-level agencies to implement the program.



<u>**Quad Area Weatherization Assistance Program</u> - www.quadarea.org/quadweatherization.html**</u>

Provides services in 19 parishes, including: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, St. Helena, Iberville, Livingston, Orleans, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Tangipahoa, Washington, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, and Plaquemine parish.

The Program prioritizes services to the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children.

For information about the St. Mary, LaSalle, and DeSoto programs go to: <u>www.lhc.la.gov/weatherization</u>

DO I QUALIFY?

The Quad Area Weatherization Assistance Program is free to those who qualify. To qualify your monthly household income must be at or below the following:

- Household of 1 maximum household income is \$2,510 monthly
- Household of 2 maximum household income is \$3,406.66 monthly
- Household of 3 maximum household income is \$4,303.33 monthly
- Household of 4 maximum household income is \$5,200 monthly
- Household of 5 maximum household income is \$6,096.66 monthly
- Household of 6 maximum household income is \$6,993.33 monthly

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply, contact your local office (information on the next page). You will be asked to submit an application that will include the following required documentation:

- Proof of Income from the past 30 day period (i.e.weekly, biweekly, or monthly pay stub)
- A copy of your Social Security Cards for all family members
- A copy of state ID or driver's license for the Head of Household only
- A current copy of utility bill

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I'VE BEEN APPROVED?

Weatherization crews use computerized energy audits and diagnostic equipment, such as blower door, manometer, or infrared camera, to determine the most cost-effective measures appropriate for your. Typical measures include installing insulation in the walls and attics, sealing and repairing ductwork, and tuning and repairing heating and cooling units.

OFFICE LOCATIONS

MAIN OFFICE

Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, And Plaquemine Parish 45300 N. Baptist Rd., Hammond, LA 70401 Ph: 225-209-0780 Margaret Gaudin, Program Director

Ascension Parish

717 East Ascension, Ste. E, Gonzales, LA 70737 (225) 644-8532 | Fax (225) 644-0109 *Stephanie Torres, Contact Person*

East Feliciana Parish

12221 Jackson St., Clinton, LA 70722 (225) 683-3308 | Fax (225) 683-3608 *Linda Lee, Contact Person*

East Baton Rouge, Iberville & West Baton Rouge Parishes

45300 N. Baptist Rd., Hammond, LA 70401 225-209-0724 | Fax 225-209-0781 *Cherelle Lee, Contact Person*

Livingston Parish

20140 Iowa St., Livingston, LA 70726 (225) 686-3811 | Fax (255) 686-3812 *Robin Payne, Contact Person*

St. Helena Parish

369 Sitman Street, Greensburg, LA 70441 (225) 222-6100 • Fax (225) 222-6124 *Grace Callahan, Contact Person* Tangipahoa Parish

45300 N. Baptist Rd., Hammond, LA 70401 (225) 567-2350 | Fax (225) 567-2630 *Naomi Hayden, Contact Person*

302 Avenue F, Kentwood, LA 70444
(985) 229-6229 Monday and Friday *Debbie Butler, Contact Person*

Orleans & River Parishes

(Orleans, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, & St. John) 45300 N. Baptist Rd., Hammond, LA 70401 225-209-0724 | Fax 225-209-0781 *Susan Jacob, Contact Person*

Washington Parish

1134 Bene St., Suite 3, Franklinton, LA 70438 (985) 795-9088 | Fax (985) 795-9089 *Kim Causey, Contact Person*

West Feliciana Parish

12292 Jackson Rd. St. Francisville, LA 70775 (225) 635-0063 | Fax (225) 635-0095 *Joyce Mullen, Contact Person*