

MEDIA EVENT - NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY OBSERVED IN EAU CLAIRE ON OCTOBER 27

Winter is approaching fast, and it's the low-income members of our community who will be most affected by the cold weather. Older homes with drafty windows and no insulation can be expensive to heat during the winter months, but there is help available.

Over the past 40 years, the Weatherization Assistance Program from the Western Dairyland Community Action Agency has helped thousands of families, seniors and less-fortunate individuals make it through the winter. On October 27th, you're invited to see the program in action.

WHAT: Weatherization Day Demonstration and Tours

DATE: Thursday, October 27th, 2011

TIME: 11 am to 1 pm

LOCATION: 1240 S. 82nd Avenue, Eau Claire (the house is a few miles east of Eau Claire, adjacent to Cooley's Scrap & Salvage)

The demonstration will be held at the home of Eugene Carr. Carr is 76 years old and his house, built in 1915, will undergo several improvements through the weatherization program, including the following:

- Attic Insulation
- Sidewall insulation
- Furnace repairs and maintenance
- Duct work replacement and repair
- Water pipe insulation/wrapping
- Installation of energy-efficient light bulbs
- Weather stripping, caulking and gap sealing

These services are provided at no cost to income-eligible households in Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau and Jackson counties. Homes receiving weatherization services see their annual energy bills reduced by an average of \$437, depending on fuel prices.

After a brief overview of the Weatherization Program, a crew will demonstrate typical weatherization measures including state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment that is used nationally in the residential housing market. You will be able to tour the home to see improvements being made. The homeowner and employees of Western Dairyland will be available for interviews.