



Neighbors Warming Neighbors

Is your home feeling cold this winter? Heating bills getting the best of you?

The Dunbarton Energy Committee's "Neighbors Warming Neighbors" is a home weatherization program for Dunbarton residents that can help you warm up ... and get you ready for next year.

Knowledgeable Dunbarton Energy Committee members are ready to meet with you in your home, at a mutually convenient time, to discuss solutions to your cold-weather problems.

Once we learn about your concerns, we will take a walk around your home with you and do a basic energy audit. In many homes, there are often simple fixes that can be done to warm the place up and reduce drafts, at little or no cost. We will be looking for these low cost simple solutions that can maximize your comfort.

For example, we can suggest easy methods for fixing warm air leaks and cold drafts. If you are interested and able, we may be able to leave you with some supplies to complete the job, or make an appointment to come back with other members of our team to help you install chalking and seal and tighten up your home. We can help you, or you can be the sidewalk superintendent and watch us warm your house. We may be able to suggest ways to cut your energy and heating costs.

These improvements can help you feel warmer right away, and cut down on your fuel bills. We can also take a look at your heating system, and discuss what could be done to make it more efficient and effective. We can check your home from attic to basement to garage & develop a list of button-up improvements that would warm your environment. We can help you plan them, or provide information about state or local programs that exist to help.

We are a Dunbarton Town Committee, and we are available to help you with local volunteers. We are not interested in trying to sell you anything. We are not asking you to sign up for more than a single visit. For town residents who could use some assistance, a range of button-up materials that are donated to the program will be available.

If you think the Dunbarton Energy Committee's "Neighbors Warming Neighbors" program can help you, contact us to be considered for an assessment visit and we will partner with you to warm your house up.

You can visit our website at <http://www.dunbarton-energy.org/programs-services/neighbors-warming-neighbors/> for more info or **email us at energy@dunbarton-energy.org**.

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Co-sponsored by the Dunbarton Energy committee, Community Dunbarton,
the Dunbarton Congregational Church, and others.

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Program Details:

1. Once you have made contact with us, one or two of us will meet with them at your home, kitchen table style, and discuss what your needs are, in comfort, reduced heating and/or electrical costs. Then we would go through the house with you and take measurements with a heat sensing imaging camera and test for air leakage to get an idea of the home's condition (insulation, window and door air leaks, etc.). We are currently trying to secure the use of a heat sensing imaging camera for the visits.
 2. At that point, we would discuss the options available to help. Depending on what our simplified walk-through audit finds and their financial state, some options available might be:
Simple air sealing around windows, doors and other areas of outside air entry, done by DEC.
 3. Advice on how they can save money by adjusting daily routine, etc.
 4. What options are available if they rent their home but pay the utility bills.
 5. Programs offered through PSNH, both electrical and heating, some are low income qualified, that may require a professional energy audit.
 6. Low income programs available through the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Plan, continued funding for these is currently in discussion at the state level.
- The last two are more extensive and are done by building energy professionals.

As far as labor in the first options, if the home owner are physically able and willing, we would welcome them to participate. If they feel better about contributing something to the material costs that would be good too. People's pride at accepting help is important to us. This is a neighbor-to-neighbor effort.

There are also opportunities for other than low income people, we would like to involve them too. We offer improvement verification services to help you check on your DIY button-up efforts.