

CAP program aims to help improve home energy efficiency

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Suspect your home is leaking energy dollars? Do you feel drafts but can't find their source?

A new program sponsored by the Lower Columbia CAP can help determine how to make your home more energy-efficient. CAP's Home Energy Audit Teams (HEAT) will make home energy assessments with recommendations for improvement. The service is available to the general public.

CAP has been weatherizing low-income homes and promoting energy conservation for more than 30 years, and last year alone arranged to weatherize 113 low-income families' homes, resulting in significant cost savings for the families, according to CAP.

"Because of the benefit we have seen for these families, we decided to offer the home energy assessments to the general public as well," Sheila Girt, CAP's Energy & Housing Director, said in a prepared statement.

"The savings vary from home to home, but on average people will see their utility bills reduced by about one-third once their homes are weatherized," added Joel Haymes, one of CAP's weatherization field technicians.

Under the new HEAT program, CAP technicians will now conduct energy audits for households who do not qualify for energy-assistance programs. A fee will be charged based on the square footage of the home.

For more information, call CAP at 360-425-3430 ext. 213, or go to www.lowercolumbiacap.org, and click on "Energy & Housing/Weatherization."