

Warwick Valley Central School District, the Town of Warwick, RECAP (Regional Economic Community Action Program, Inc.), and Platinum Sponsor WVT Communications are excited to announce Energize Warwick, a great new program. Not-for-profit organizations (such as service clubs, booster clubs, PTAs, scouts, houses of worship) serving the community and located within the Town of Warwick, Florida Union Free School District, Greenwood Lake Union Free School District, or Warwick Valley Central School District (including the Town of Chester portion of WVCSD) will be eligible to win the grand prize of \$10,000 in cash, while our community works together to save energy and money as we improve comfort in our homes and businesses.

Residents in either the Town of Warwick, Florida Union Free School District, Greenwood Lake Union Free School District, or Warwick Valley Central School District (including the Town of Chester portion of WVCSD) can earn Energize Warwick points for their favorite not-for-profits. Energy assessments completed through NYSERDA Green Jobs/Green NY, DHCR Weatherization Assistance Program, and NYSERDA Multifamily Performance Program qualify for two (2) Energize Warwick points. Energy upgrades completed by a NYSERDA-approved Home Performance Contractor or DHCR Weatherization Assistance Provider qualify for an additional one (1) Energize Warwick point for each \$1000. of energy upgrade. The \$10,000 cash Grand Prize will be awarded to the organization earning the most Energize Warwick points. 50% of an organization's total Energize Warwick points must be from energy upgrades. The contest begins retroactive to November 15, 2010. Submission deadline June 14, 2012 at 5pm.

Programs that support energy assessments and weatherization

1. NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal-Weatherization Assistance Program

Offers income-eligible free energy assessment and upgrades

2. NYSERDA- Green Jobs/Green NY: Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Comprehensive Home Assessment

Offers free or reduced-cost residential energy assessments for 1-4 unit residential

Offers income-eligible 50% grants

Offers easy financing opportunities

3. NYSERDA- New York Energy Smart Multifamily Performance Program for 5+ unit residential buildings

Offers unique opportunities for building owners

Energize Warwick information, documents, links to DHCR and NYSERDA, phone numbers, etc., are at www.warwickvalleyschools.com, www.townofwarwick.org, www.recap.org, and www.warwick.net, among others.

Energy Assessments and Apartment or Home Weatherization

Q How do I get started if my income is limited?

A You might qualify for NYS's Weatherization Assistance Program. If a household contains a member who receives Supplemental Security Income, Public Assistance, Food Stamps, or Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits, **the household is considered automatically eligible** for weatherization services. You also qualify if you meet the income requirements as seen in the chart.

For more information or to get started, Town of Warwick residents call Orange County Rural Development Advisory Corporation at 845-524-4663 ext. 31 or ext. 33. Town of Chester residents call RECAP (Regional Economic Community Action Program, Inc.) at 845-342-3978 ext.17.

Weatherization Assistance Program

New York State Homes and Community Renewal

2010-11 Income Eligibility Limits

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) income eligibility limits for Program Year 2010-2011 are shown below.

These limits are effective of October 1, 2010. These limits are based on 60% of state median income and family size. **Household**

Size

1	\$2,129	\$25,548
2	\$2,784	\$33,408
3	\$3,439	\$41,268
4	\$4,094	\$49,128
5	\$4,749	\$56,988
6	\$5,404	\$64,848
7	\$5,527	\$66,324
8	\$5,650	\$67,800
9	\$5,773	\$69,296
10	\$5,896	\$70,752
11	\$6,029	\$72,348

Households larger than 11 people Add 468 for each additional household member

Q I meet the income requirements for the Weatherization Assistance Program, but used to have a much higher income. Do my savings and investments disqualify me?

A No. The Weatherization Assistance Program is based upon current income and uses only the previous month's income to determine eligibility.

Q I have a 1-4 Unit Residential building and don't qualify for the program described above. Is there a program for me?

A You qualify for a free energy assessment in Orange County if household income is below \$166,800. If household income exceeds \$166,800, the audit is reduced-cost. Go to www.getenergysmart.org or call NYSERDA at 1-855-838-7818 to get started. You can also go to www.warwickvalleyschools.com and click on Energy and Environment to connect with the NYSERDA program description and application. Tenants can notify landlords and have them contact NYSERDA directly to learn about program opportunities.

Q I do want a free energy assessment, but don't have the cash to do energy upgrades. Do I qualify for financial assistance?

A If your income is at or below the levels in the following chart, you might qualify for a 50% grant for your energy upgrades. That's right- NYSERDA pays half!

ORANGE County	
Income Limits	
1 Person	\$46,667.00
2 Person	\$53,333.00
3 Person	\$60,000.00
4 Person	\$66,667.00
5 Person	\$72,448.00
6 Person	\$82,432.00
7 Person	\$84,304.00
8 Person	\$88,000.00
9 Person	\$93,333.00
10 Person	\$98,667.00

Q I am interested in the energy assessment but don't qualify for the 50% grant. Is there a financing opportunity for me?

A NYSERDA programs offer low-cost financing.

Q How can I improve my 5+ unit residential property and save on energy?

A Owners of multi-family buildings (5 or more units) can qualify for NYSERDA incentives. Base incentives are from \$2500-\$10,000 per project with additional incentives totaling \$600 per unit. Get started by going to www.nyserda.org and search New York Energy Smart Multifamily Performance Program. Tenants can notify landlords and have them contact NYSERDA directly to learn about program opportunities.

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