



# Eastern Washington Home Weatherization Ideas

Weatherization refers to home improvements that reduce the energy we use to make our homes more comfortable, including moisture control, air sealing, ventilation, and upgrades to insulation, doors and windows.

## Energy Audit

Whether using an online tool or having someone, sometimes free through your utility company, come and perform an energy audit will help pinpoint specific areas of improvement.

## Invest In Energy Efficient Appliances

Light Bulbs, ovens/stoves, washers/dryers, ceiling fans, air conditioners, etc. are all relatively simple improvements you can make to your home, or request your landlord to install, that will allow for a more energy efficient appliance system to save you on your electric bill!

## Insulation: Attic, Wall, and Floor

Insulating your attic door and unfinished attic so that it is separate from the living areas, your exterior walls, and floors allows for less draft, and a better temperature controlled home.

## Door Sweeps

Have a draft? An easily accessible, and easy to install door sweep put on exterior door(s).

## Door & Window Weatherproofing

Seals out unwanted outside drafts, moisture, and dust while preventing heat loss and mold, and improving air quality.

## Seal Interior Windows

Another way to prevent drafts in colder weather.

## Sealing Gaps & Cracks with Caulk and Foam

Sealing gaps will make your home insulation work better!

## Water Heater Tank Covers

If your water heater is in an uninsulated part of your home, it is losing heat and working hard to reheat the cooled water!

## Sealing Outlets

Not the most obvious source of drafts in your home but sealing them up will prevent drafts and keep the heat in.

## Replace Your Roof

If your roof is a major source of inefficiency, replacing it could improve your quality of living as well as improve your energy efficiency.

## Improve Ventilation

Running exhaust fans, opening windows, using a dehumidifier/air purifier combo room by room with an HEPA-filtered vacuum and activated carbon air filter allows for better air quality.

## Plant Fire Resistant Plants

Advocate for, or plant, fire resistant plants outside. The Washington Department of Natural Resources has a guide on [fire resistant plants in Eastern Washington](#).