



## Housing Resources

Achieving self-sufficiency one home at a time.



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# Housing Resources Announces Move of Montrose Weatherization Office

## New office provides better access, visibility and service to Clients

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (January 6, 2014)** – Housing Resources of Western Colorado (HRWC) has a new office space for Weatherization Services in Montrose, Colorado. This new location is more centrally located, has better accessibility for Clients and provides for a more private and low-key atmosphere for those needing assistance. Since 1999 HRWC has been providing Weatherization services to Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties.

The new office is located at 242 West Main in Montrose, Colorado. The entire Weatherization Staff and Crew is excited to have space to better serve Clients and be more visible in Montrose. HRWC hopes that this move will bring greater awareness to Montrose and the surrounding counties it serves on how they can assist families and Individuals. Housing Resources main goal is to serve more families and individuals needing Weatherization Services in all twelve counties is services.

When a home has been weatherized through Housing Resources several things happen:

- \$437 or more in annual utility bill savings are realized year after year at current energy rates
- Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical income qualified home pre-weatherization consumption

- More household money is made available for other basic necessities, medicine or groceries

Income qualified families and individuals receive free energy upgrades through the Weatherization program. Weatherization can help reduce energy use while improving the comfort of your home year around. The process often includes basic energy efficiency measures such as weather-stripping and caulking exterior doors and windows. The goal is to protect homes and their interiors from the outside elements, particularly, heat, cold, precipitation and wind. Weatherization improvements **may** include:

- **Insulation in Attics, Wall & Perimeters**
- **Furnace Replacement**
- **Furnace Safety Testing**
- **Refrigerator Replacement**
- **Sealing Air Leaks**
- **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL)**
- **Energy Audit**
- **Storm Windows and Doors**
- **Energy Conservation Information**

The Colorado Energy Office has set the following guidelines to help residents determine their eligibility. **If a resident currently receives financial assistance from any of the following programs, they automatically income qualify for the weatherization services:**

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Aid to Needy and Disabled (AND)
- Old Age Pension (OAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)

**Eligibility can also be determined by household incomes.**

Funding is still available for qualified homeowners or renters. One can apply for free weatherization services by contacting:

**Housing Resources of Western Colorado, Grand Junction – 241-2871**

**Housing Resources of Western Colorado, Montrose, CO – 970-249-4774,**

**Housing Resources of Western Colorado, Durango – 970-259-1086 X11**

**Housing Resources serves the following counties in Western Colorado:**

Mesa, Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale, Dolores, San Juan, Montezuma, La Plata and Archuleta.

More information about the Low Income Weatherization Program can be found online at:

<http://www.housingresourceswc.org>

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**Income Guidelines**

<b># Of Persons</b>	<b>Annual Household Income</b>
1	\$22,980.00
2	\$31,020.00
3	\$39,060.00
4	\$47,100.00
5	\$55,140.00
6	\$63,180.00
7	\$71,220.00
8	\$79,260.00

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,020 for each additional person.

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Whether you're looking to save money, create a more comfortable living environment or help protect our environment, the Housing Resources Weatherization Program can help!

**About Housing Resources**

Housing Resources has been providing affordable housing, weatherization, and promoting the wise and sustainable use of resources in Mesa County for over 36 years. The 501(c)(3) private non-profit also offers pre-purchase and post-purchase education, opportunities for community revitalization, and the provision of quality, safe, affordable housing for those with low and moderate income. Housing Resources is a chartered member of NeighborWorks America [www.nw.org/network/index.asp](http://www.nw.org/network/index.asp). Learn more about Housing Resources at [www.housingresourceswc.org](http://www.housingresourceswc.org) or by calling their offices at 970-241-2871.

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