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BY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR!***

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In Upstate NY, cold, snowy winters & hot, humid summers generate above-average demand for heating fuels & electricity for cooling. NY's houses are also among the nation's oldest – 76 percent of New York's homes were built before 1970, when energy was cheap. As energy prices have increased, Upstate homes have not taken advantage of new weatherization technologies resulting in sky-high utility bills. On average, NY families spend \$2,400 on utility expenses annually. This often means spending 15% or more of income on utility costs.

There are **588,000 households eligible** for weatherization assistance in Upstate NY:

- 20 % of the income eligible are elderly
- 35 % have children under the age of 18
- 10 % house individuals with disabilities

The funds are delivered through the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) which is administered by the NY State Division of Housing & Community Renewal.

To find out more, call the NY State Division of Housing & Community Renewal at 1-866-275-3427 or visit [www.dhcr.state.ny.us/Programs/WeatherizationAssistance](http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/Programs/WeatherizationAssistance).

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