



**United Way
Centraide**

North East Ontario
Nord-est de l'Ontario

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Home Weatherization Program

Community Services Committee Presentation

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Mission

As part of its anti-poverty efforts, United Way Centraide North East Ontario / Nord-est de l'Ontario, with the help of Union Gas and EnviroCentre, is dedicated to improving lives by providing qualifying individuals with free home weatherization upgrades to reduce energy consumption.



Union Gas' Home Weatherization Program

- Provides **free** energy upgrades for income eligible Union Gas customers across United Way's geographic district
- Home upgrades can include
 - Insulation for basement, walls and attic
 - Water-saving products
 - Programmable thermostat
 - Carbon monoxide detector



History and Value

- Home Weatherization Program has been in existence since 2007
- In the last 10 years, over 10,000 homes have been upgraded
- On average, homes in Sudbury receive a value of \$2,500 worth of products and upgrades (not including savings on energy bills)
- Utilities such as Union Gas are mandated by the government to offer services and incentives such as the Home Weatherization Program to low-income clients



Benefits

For eligible individuals and families

- **Savings** – upgrades reduce heating and energy bills
- **Comfort** – upgrades make homes warmer and more efficient
- **Emotional** – savings alleviate stress and leave more money for other necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and more
- **Safety** – upgrades create safer, healthier homes
- **Positive Environmental Impact** – less energy usage means a reduction in CO2 emissions, securing the environment now and for future generations



Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for a home energy assessment, the following criteria must be met:

- Homes must be built *before* 1975
- Homes must have a natural gas furnace
- Clients must pay their Union Gas bill
- Annual household income cannot exceed the following maximum annual pre-tax income

Number of People in the Household	Maximum Annual Pre-Tax Income
1	\$32,843
2	\$40,886
3	\$50,266
4	\$61,028
Each additional person	\$8,849



The Energy Audit

- Once the application is approved, a Certified Energy Advisor will contact the client directly to book an appointment
- At the home, the Energy Advisor will
 - Gather general home information (ex. dimensions, house type, type of furnace, type of water heater, etc.)
 - Inspect the attic and basement
 - Record insulation levels in all areas of the home
 - Run a Blower Door Test to determine air leakage levels and locations
 - Photograph various interior and exterior views of the home
- The data will be reviewed and contractors will be scheduled to complete the upgrades
- After the home has been upgraded, the Energy Advisor will return for a post audit to ensure that upgrades are satisfactory

Change starts here.



What to Expect





How Clients can get Started

- To complete an application, clients can visit United Way's Sudbury, North Bay or Timmins office

Sudbury Location:

957 Cambrian Heights Drive,
Unit 201

North Bay Location:

222 McIntyre Street, West

Timmins Location:

221 Third Avenue, Unit 105

Hours of Operation:

Mon to Thurs 8:30am to 4:30pm

Fri 8:30am to 12:00pm

- Clients can also visit *uniongas.com/weatherizationprogram* to apply online



Communication Plan

- United Way is currently working on developing partnerships to promote the program within its districts including
 - Front-line service agencies
 - DSSABs
 - NELHIN
 - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
 - Home Builders Association
- Future - media re-launch, distribution of materials, public advertisement, hosting community information sessions and more



Conclusion

Questions?

Next steps?

Thank you!