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## Media Advisory

### Arapahoe County wraps up (homes) for winter

**Aurora, Colo.** As temperatures begin to drop, low-income residents in Arapahoe County are being reminded about weatherization—the process of reducing energy consumption in a home, which can save residents an average of 20 percent or more on their home energy bills.

“Colorado winters are notoriously cold, but the idea of keeping heat on around the clock can be very stressful for low-income families who are already struggling to pay their bills,” said Steve Elliott, Weatherization Program Administrator for Arapahoe County. “By providing a few safe, cost-effective energy conservation measures through weatherization, homes become more energy-efficient and can save residents anything from \$50 to \$350 a year on energy bills.”

Weatherization is free to qualifying residents. There is a photography / video opportunity for the media this week. For more information, contact Katrina Seymour at 303-636-1945:

**When:** October 29, 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** 1050 S. Newark St., Aurora

**What:** **Weatherization project.** Our weatherization experts will officially kick off National Weatherization Day (Saturday, Oct. 30) by providing an on-site demonstration of energy conservation work at a local resident’s property to prepare for coming winter months.

Weatherization is just one effective way to reduce energy bills this holiday. Arapahoe County’s weatherization program includes education and counseling services to help local residents make small changes that result in big conservation and cost savings, including:

- Replacing or cleaning furnace filters monthly
- Purchasing a programmable thermostat for day and night settings
- Wearing sweaters, and using extra blankets at night
- Making informed decisions regarding energy usage

For more information, call us at Energy Saving Partners, 303-365-1678, or go to [www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CS/HCDS/Weatherization](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CS/HCDS/Weatherization).