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The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (ULSTL) has many talents, and poverty reduction and employment training are probably their most recognized skills. However, as we've encountered the recent cold snap of sub-zero temperatures, ice, and snow, I've been most intrigued by the organization's free weatherization assistance.

The Weatherization Assistance Program provides a whole host of home improvement services to reduce energy costs, increase safety and provide an increased quality of life for low-income residents.

These can include:

- Wall and ceiling insulation
- Plugging air leaks and caulking
- Installing weather stripping
- Dryer venting
- Glazing and repairing windows and doors
- Furnace repair or replacement
- Hot water tank repair

There is no cost to qualified applicants, but there are eligibility requirements, including income guidelines. Applications can be found on the Internet at www.ulstl.org or by calling (314) 615-3612.

If you are a senior living on a fixed income or if you think you might meet these guidelines, please give the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis a call and start the process to get warm. Citizens from the Fourth District can also help make a difference for those needing assistance during these winter months. If you're handy with tools and would like to help those in need, please offer your services to the Urban League. Your skills could go a long way this winter.

Thank you for reading. Together, we can make the Fourth District an even better place to live.



Cutline: Workers install insulation as one of the many free weatherization services offered through the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

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