

Fostering & Supporting Initiatives in the Kearsarge-Sunapee Region

Kearsarge Climate Action (KCA), in partnership with Vital Communities, is launching a Weatherize-Solarize initiative in 2019. Under this program, homeowners in Andover, New London, Newbury, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot will be eligible for discounts, rebates and other incentives for weatherizing their homes and/or installing solar panels on their roofs – thereby saving energy, saving money, and reducing carbon emissions.

A follow-up to the successful Solarize effort in 2014-15, this year's initiative also emphasizes more affordably-priced energy-saving options such as insulating and airsealing, as well as installing 'mini-split' heat pumps, heat-pump water heaters, energyefficient appliances, and LED lighting - all of which are eligible for rebates.

The Winter Weatherize campaign kicks off Saturday, January 26th at 2 PM at the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, where homeowners can meet with contractors to learn more about weatherization and the NHSaves rebate program. During February and March, Weatherize volunteers will follow up with interested families, helping them through the NHSaves application process. Homeowners will first request a comprehensive energy audit – at a discounted price of just \$100 – which will indicate where air-sealing and/or insulation is needed. The work will then be carried out during the spring, with a 50% rebate back to most homeowners (up to \$4000 per home). To further sweeten the deal, there's low-interest (0% to 2%) financing available, a random drawing for a \$500 grand prize plus more great prizes, and low-income residents can qualify to have the work done for free!

Following the Weatherize campaign, we will launch the Spring Solarize component in April. Solar panels installed during 2019 will be eligible for (1) a 30% federal tax credit, (2) a \$1000 New Hampshire state rebate, and (3) a volume-based discount from Granite State Solar, our certified solar installer. As more homeowners sign up, everyone gets a bigger discount. Landlords and small businesses can participate too.

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