

Fuel Assistance Programs for Eligible Worcester Residents-2014

- 1) **The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund** <http://magoodneighbor.org/assistance.html> provides financial assistance to any resident who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month's energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance. Income for either the prior twelve months or the past month (times 12 months for a total annual figure) must fall between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. In Worcester contact:
Salvation Army
640 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608
ph. (508) 756-7191 | fax: (508) 756-3232
web: www.SalvationArmyMA.org/WorcesterCitadel
- 2) **The Fuel Assistance Program** is designed to provide relief to those households that are most vulnerable to high home heating costs. Massachusetts' LIHEAP, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program targets assistance to households with the lowest incomes and highest average energy costs.
The **Weatherization Assistance Program** is federally funded and designed to help homeowners and renters keep heat in their homes. If you are a *Fuel Assistance* client, your income falls within the guidelines, *and* your place of residence has not been weatherized (insulated and weather-stripped) by WCAC since September 30, 1993, you may qualify for this program.
In Worcester, for both LIHEAP and WAP, contact:
Worcester Community Action Council, Inc.
484 Main Street, 2nd Floor (Denholm Building) Worcester, MA 01608
Phone: (508) 754-1176 Fax: (508) 754-0203
- 3) **Joe 4 Oil:** The Oil Heat Program offers free heating oil to people in financial need who can't afford to pay their heating bills. Each eligible household is allowed a one-time delivery per heating season of 100 gallons of home heating oil for free. You are eligible if you have a financial hardship and need help paying your heating bills. There are no citizenship requirements. You do not need proof of immigration status. To request an application for the 2014 Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program contact: 1-877-JOE-4-OIL (1-877-563-4645) on Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am- 5pm

Worcester residents age 60 and older, or their caregivers, may contact or visit (by appointment) the Division of Elder Affairs for further information and assistance at the:
Worcester Senior Center
128 Providence Street Worcester, MA 01602
508-799-1232 www.worcesterma.gov/ocm/elder-affairs

REVERSE 911- ALERTWorcester: Worcester residents are encouraged to sign up via www.worcesterma.gov in order to be notified about emergencies and other important community news. ALERTWorcester enables the city to provide critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling the City's Customer Service Center at 508-929-1300. Seniors may call Elder Affairs at 508-799-1232.