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**City Providing Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Households
Program reduces energy costs for eligible families by improving the efficiency of their homes**

The City of Beaumont is accepting applications for its Weatherization Assistance Program.

Eligible households receive a free energy audit and weatherization assistance, with the goal of reducing energy consumption and costs. In order to make homes more efficient, the City may perform the following Weatherization steps: install caulk, weather-stripping and insulation; tune up and repair heating and cooling systems; replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent bulbs; and replace old, inefficient appliances. Weatherization crews also address energy-related health and safety issues, particularly carbon monoxide and combustion safety.

Eligible households must be located within the City of Beaumont and meet income requirements. The income guideline is based on 200 percent of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development poverty income level. Preference will be given to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and those with children at home younger than 12.

Applications are available at the following locations:

- Community Development Department, City Hall, 800 Main Street Suite 201
- City library branches
- Online at www.cityofbeaumont.com

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