

As residents in the area age, many of their homes may need minor repairs, improvements, and adaptations to provide a more accessible, safe and healthy living space. Individuals often find it difficult to complete home maintenance tasks either because of their own limitations or they are unable to find or afford a local contractor who is willing and able to complete these projects. To meet this need, The Gibson Center for Senior Services is sponsoring a **Staying Warm, Safe & Dry Program**

What is the Staying Warm, Safe & Dry Program?

The program helps senior homeowners of the Mount Washington Valley age in place and avoid institutionalization by coordinating access to a reliable contractor who is licensed, bonded and insured and make referrals for low and very low income homeowners to USDA for full funding up to \$7500.

Who is eligible for the program?

Senior homeowners in the Mount Washington Valley communities of: Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Freedom, Fryeburg, Maine, Hart's Location, Jackson, Ossipee, Madison, Tamworth

The request should be relatively minor (with some exceptions) and able to be completed in a single visit.

Please note:

This is NOT an emergency service. The Contractor and Coordinator will assist and schedule the work on a non-emergent basis to maximize the contractor's time.

Requests in a rental unit require written permission of the property owner if the request modifies the property in any way.

This program does NOT cover spring yard clean up or routine yard care. Exceptions could be made, for example, after a storm if a tree branch is down and needs to be cleared.

With resident's permission, the contractor will provide a home safety check. Recommendations for further work identified by this check may be requested.

To obtain more information or request services, please contact the program coordinator, Renée Wheaton at (802)-424-2074 or staywarm@gibsoncenter.org



NEED HELP WITH YOUR HOME?

A program providing a healthy and safe home environment enabling seniors to remain in their homes and active in their community

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Serving the communities of:
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Madison, Tamworth

How to apply:

Requests for work are called or emailed to Renée Wheaton, the program coordinator at: staywarm@gibsoncenter.org Or (802) 424-2074

What happens during and after the request?

An Intake Form is completed to determine your eligibility for the program. The coordinator will contact the contractor who determines whether a preliminary visit is required to detail the needed materials, complete the safety checklist, complete necessary waivers and agreements with the homeowner and schedule a subsequent work date.

What questions will be asked?

- Name and age of individuals in the household.
- Physical and mailing address
- Nature of request
- Household income

Payment:

Homeowners will pay the contractor directly for all materials and services, OR, If a homeowner is determined to be low or very low income, the coordinator makes a referral to the USDA Rural Development Director who then works with the homeowner to obtain grant funding. If approved, USDA reimburses the contractor directly for the work done.



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Possible projects

Staying Warm

- Weather stripping or caulking doors or windows
- Changing furnace filters
- Adding insulation
- Replacing thermostats
- Replacing ceiling fan
- Installing window A/C unit

Staying Dry

- Painting unprotected wood
- Repairing fascia/soffit
- Plumbing repair/replacement
- Replace a piece of siding; fill small holes in soffits
- Roof repair

Staying Safe

- installing hold bars, railings and other safety related items
- Adding exterior security lights
- Repairing/replacing rotten floor joists
- Replacing rotted porch wood
- Repairing/replacing steps
- Rescreening/replacing porch or screen door
- Adding/repairing wheelchair ramp
- Replacing electrical outlets and fixtures to LED
- changing light switches to motion detected
- changing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Installing correct height toilets

Note: This is not a comprehensive list