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## **CALABRESE ANNOUNCES WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

(CLIFFSIDE PARK) -- Mayor Gerald A. Calabrese has announced a free weatherization assistance program for many Cliffside Park residents.

"As we move into another winter, it is important that qualified residents look toward applying to the weatherization assistance program for help," said Calabrese. "Participation in this program could help significantly reduce utility costs for an average homeowner."

According to Calabrese the program is part of a national effort to help homeowners and tenants improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The program is administered locally by Bergen County Community Action Partnership, BCCAP.

"Qualified residents are urged to participate in this program," said Calabrese. "If you are having trouble keeping your residence warm during the winter and cool in the summer, this program might be useful in curtailing energy costs."

This is how the program works:

Number 1: Be sure that you meet the income requirements:

### **Income Guidelines**

<b>Yearly Gross Income</b>	<b>Family Size</b>
\$21,780	1
\$29,420	2
\$37,060	3
\$44,700	4
\$52,340	5
\$59,980	6

\$67,620            7

\$75,260            8

For family units of more than 8 members, add \$3,820 for each member. If you think you are slightly over the limit or you're not sure what your annual income is, fill out the application. Let BCCAP determine if you are eligible.

Veterans who are receiving cash benefits and recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, TANF, automatically qualify.

Number 2: Pick up an application packet from:

Borough Hall, Mayor's Office, 525 Palisades Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ (201-313-2002) or at the Bergen County Community Action Partnership office located at 241 Moore Street, Hackensack (201-457-0021).

Number 3: A technician will visit your home:

The Bergen County Community Action Partnership will make an appointment for a technician to visit your home to perform an energy audit. This is a way to examine your home to see if air is leaking out through the windows, doors, attic or any other penetrations. The furnace, boiler, stove, refrigerator and water heater are also checked. You will be informed of the results of the audit.

Number 4: Work will be completed:

Expert mechanics will repair or replace faulty windows and doors, install high-efficiency insulation and, if necessary, repair or replace boilers, furnaces, refrigerators and water heaters.

Return your completed application as quickly as possible to the BCCAP office. Any questions regarding the program can be answered by calling 201-457-0021.