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Consumer Advisory

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#WinterReadyDC offers free weatherization kits for DC residents

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (DCPSC) launches its annual #WinterReadyDC campaign to help DC residents and businesses prepare for winter. Since its inception in 2015, #WinterReadyDC has provided information and resources to help District residents manage their utility bills amidst the changing weather. Free weatherization kits are available for District residents on a first come, first serve basis at our website.

"We are proud to continue the #WinterReadyDC campaign for the sixth year," said Interim Chairman Emile C. Thompson. "We will continue to provide District residents with the tools, information, and resources required to ensure they avoid high utility bills this winter. We encourage consumers to visit our #WinterReadyDC webpage to sign up for their weatherization kit and access additional about assistance programs and energy-saving tips."

After signing up, residents will receive their weatherization kit via mail. The #WinterReadyDC webpage will also include a series of instructional demonstration videos on how to use the four piece weatherization kit. The kits contain the following items:

- 1. Door/window weatherstripping
- 2. Foam pipe insulation
- 3. Foam switch and outlet gaskets insulation
- 4. Window insulation shrink kit

Residents may see a reduction of heating and cooling costs upwards of 20% from use of the kit. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that homeowners can save an average of 15% on heating and cooling costs by air sealing their homes and adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces and basements.

To learn more about the #WinterReadyDC campaign, or for more information about having #WinterReadyDC at a community event or meeting, contact our <u>email</u>.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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