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DCPSC offers free home weatherization to help DC Residents prepare for winter

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) kicks off its annual Winter Ready DC campaign from November to March to encourage District residents to prepare their homes for winter to help avoid high utility bills. District residents can receive a free weatherization kit and learn about resources and assistance programs to help manage their utility bills. To receive a kit, you must be a District resident and sign-up at dcpssc.org/winterreadydc. Kits will be distributed on a first serve, first come basis.

“We want to support District residents during this difficult time,” stated Willie L. Phillips, Chairman of the Commission. “Our goal is to help District residents avoid higher winter heating bills by making their homes more energy efficient. We’re also encouraging consumers to take advantage of payment arrangements and assistance programs, especially those residents impacted by COVID-19.”

The free weatherization kits are designed to help seal air leaks in your home, which is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve energy efficiency and comfort in your home. The kits include:

1. Door/window weatherstripping,
2. Foam pipe insulation,
3. Foam switch and outlet gaskets, and
4. A window insulation shrink 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.

Throughout the campaign, the Commission will provide residents simple steps on how to weatherize a home, as well as partner with community groups to sign-up residents for kits. Learn more at dcpssc.org/winterreadydc.

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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