

Vermont Environmental Consortium News Alert: Button-Up Vermont Home Energy Savings Workshops Available for Vermont Businesses



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Are your employees interested in what they can do to reduce home energy bills this winter? Button-Up Vermont is seeking Vermont businesses who are interested in hosting a two-hour workshop on what employees can do to save energy in their homes. Most Vermont homes can save at least 20% of their heating bill through greater energy efficiency, and these efficiency investments will yield an average of 10% or greater return on investment. Button-Up Vermont, in partnership with Vermont communities, has already scheduled 75 home energy workshops throughout the state, with another 25 workshops planned. We are now offering these home energy saving workshops to interested Vermont businesses.

Button-Up Vermont has prepared a professional two-hour slideshow presentation on the fundamentals of how homes lose energy, do-it-yourself opportunities for saving energy, no-cost measures for reducing energy use, and what people need to know before they make significant efficiency investments. (Please find sample workshop agenda below). Workshop participants will receive educational materials on efficiency measures they can undertake themselves, information about energy audit services and financial assistance, and other relevant information. Workshops will be conducted by trained, certified energy auditors using the Button-Up slide presentation.

Button-Up Vermont will provide matching funds of \$100 per workshop to cover the costs of the workshop presenters. Vermont businesses are expected to contribute \$100 for each workshop. We are seeking to host workshops for 40 people or more, and we are open to either individual businesses or groups of businesses approaching us to host a workshop.

If you are interested in hosting a home energy saving workshop for your employees, please contact **Diana Peduzzi**, Assistant Coordinator, Button-Up Vermont at:

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We would also appreciate your help in publicizing the current schedule of Button-Up Vermont workshops. Please encourage your employees to contact www.encyvermont.com or www.helpfort.org or call 211 for a schedule of workshops.

Button-Up Vermont is an initiative of the Central Vermont Community Action Council, in partnership with the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network and Efficiency Vermont. Funding is provided by the Vermont Agency of Human Services.

Button Up Vermont Home Energy Saving Workshop

Workshop Goals:

The goals of the Button Up workshop are to improve residents' understanding of:

- How your home loses energy
- Some of the most cost-effective solutions for saving energy
- An understanding of what you can do yourself and when you need a professional
- Some basic weatherization and energy conservation tips
- Health and safety issues associated with improving efficiency
- Technical and financial resources available

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