

Weatherizing your home is Easy with NOLA Wise!



Weatherizing your home is an important part of making your house healthy, comfortable and efficient to live in. You will keep out the drafty winter and steamy summer air as well as unwanted critters. Weatherizing your home will also help control moisture, which means less humidity, mold and decay. What better investment?

Global Green USA's newest program in New Orleans is called NOLA Wise, designed to help local homeowners perform energy efficiency upgrades on their homes, using nationally certified green building contractors as well as affordable financing. Funded by the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Program, NOLA Wise provides the project management service to ensure that homeowners receive a professional and thorough home energy assessment, quality work from vetted contractors, as well as accessing to incentives and loans to pay the retrofit.



Global Green USA is a 17-year old environmental nonprofit that has operated in New Orleans since 2005, and is committed to creating a green model for the development and rebuilding of the city. At our other offices in Southern California, Washington, D.C., and New York, Global Green USA is focused on fighting global climate change through our green affordable housing initiatives, National Green Schools Initiative, national and regional green building policies, advocacy and education.



Locally, Global Green USA operates a green affordable housing community called the Holy Cross Project, the Build It Back Green initiative - educating residents on how to rebuild in a healthy green way - and our efforts to green public schools throughout the area.

Now with NOLA Wise, Global Green USA offers homeowners the opportunity to reduce their utility use by 15% or more. In addition to feeling safer, healthier and more comfortable, households can save on monthly bills and lessen their overall impact on the environment. The program's goal is to provide a turn-key service (one-stop-shop) for weatherization of existing homes in New Orleans. NOLA Wise connects families with professionals who will get the job done right.

A nationally-certified NOLA Wise auditor will perform an initial inspection of your home, including a blower door and a duct blaster test to check for air leaks and inefficiencies in the building. You will receive a customized list of recommendations that might include changing your light bulbs to compact florescent (which put off less heat, more light and use less energy than regular light bulbs), changing your air filters and seal holes to allow your heating and cooling units to work more effectively, replacing and sealing ducts or installing additional insulation.

We help you obtain financing and help access incentives through Energy's EnergySmart program and other available credits and rebates, and hook you up with loans through local banks to make your upgrade more affordable. Once we have assessed your home, we are able to connect you with financing options and the right contractor for the job.



Only Building Performance Institute (BPI) trained contractors are permitted to participate in the NOLA Wise program, due to the rigorous green building standards this curriculum enforces. Global Green USA's partners, Green Coast Enterprises, provides quality control over each job to ensure that the desired energy savings are achieved. NOLA Wise representatives guide you through each stage of the process and follow up with your case so that it's easy for you!

To learn more about Global Green USA's NOLA Wise Program, stop by and visit us at the Green Building Resource Center at 841 Carondelet St or call 504-525-WISE.