



Our annual conference, now in its 37th year, brings together thousands of contractors, weatherization professionals, trainers, program administrators, energy auditors, and others working in residential energy efficiency for the latest industry education.

Walk away with the latest trends, newest techniques, key insights, and actionable items you can apply to your job right away. The National Conference is the premier industry experience for anyone in home and building performance—don't miss out on this exciting four-day event!

100+ Educational Sessions & Workshops | Continuing Education Units (CEUs) | In-Person Trade Show

Educational Tracks



Affordable Housing & Multifamily



Building Envelope



Diagnostics & Audits



Fundamentals



Home Performance Policy



HVAC Strategies



IAQ & Healthy Homes



Operating & Delivering Weatherization Programs



Workforce Development



Program Operations & Updates



Running Your Home Performance Business



The Smart Home



Workforce Development

Sessions and workshops are added and updated regularly. Please check back for updates.

Daily Schedule

DAY ONE

Monday, April 17

7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration Open

7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Trade Show**

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Morning Workshops

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on Own**

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Workshops

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception Trade Show

DAY TWO

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Trade Show

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Welcome & General Session

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Breakout 1

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. **Breakout 2**

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Exhibits

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Breakout 3**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. **Breakout 4**

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Reception

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Evening Session**

DAY THREE

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Trade Show**

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Breakout 5**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **Breakout 6**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Exhibits

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Breakout 7**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Breakout 8

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Breakout 9

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Evening Session**

DAY Four

Thursday, April 20

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Breakout 10**

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Breakout 11

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Breakout 12**

Monday Workshops

90-Minute Workshops

37 Ways To Build A Roof Wrong—And How To Avoid Them Douglas Horgan

An Integrated Assessment Protocol for Multi-family Housing Kevin Kennedy, Max Wilkinson

Attracting, Developing and Retaining Valuable EmployeesJohn Tooley

Best Practices for Testing Multifamily BuildingsBill Graber, Collin Olson

Cold-Climate Heat Pumps: Dos and Don'tsJon Harrod

Communication at a Crossroads Rana Belshe, Suzanne Harmelink

Dogs, Broken Doorbells, and No Paperwork: An Inspection Roundtable

Jake Nuckolls

Equity 201 Roundtable TBD

Fight or Fix: Contractors & Agencies Jake Nuckolls, Benjamin Burton

Workforce Development Programs & PartnershipsRichard Reilly, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, TBD

Heat Pump Water Heaters: Best Practices and an Illustrated Field Guide for the Retrofit Industry
Amanda Hatherly, Bruce Manclark, Joshua Pierce

Hope for Homes: An Energy Retrofit Case Study Bill Graber, Jake McAlpine

How Does the Energy Code Apply to Existing Homes? Megan Kramer, Michael Lubliner

How to Design Effective Contractor Engagement Strategies with Comfort Ready Home

Amy Burke, Cyrus Collins, David Olivas

Measured versus Modeled Approach for Home Performance TBD

Metrics of Success: Building a More Resilient and Diverse Workforce Roxana Ayala, Rohini Srivastava

The Costs of Decarbonizing Existing Multifamily Buildings Núria Casquero-Modrego, Brennan Less, Iain S. Walker, Lauren Westmoreland

The Water Energy Nexus Andy Padian, John Tooley

Turning Environmental Justice Talk into Action: Examples from the Field

Sam Baraso, Kris Grube, Wendy Koelfgen, Jay Richmond, Erin Rose

Using Feedback to Improve Communication and Quality Services Michelle Butler, Suzanne Harmelink

Why Vented Crawlspaces Don't Always Work Nikki Krueger, Sam Myers

Half-Day Workshops

2023 Ventilation Extravaganza

Paul Francisco, Rick Karg

Air Sealing and Air Tightness Testing Workshop

Ken Allison, Sam Myers

Department of Energy Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and Home Energy Score Workshop

Megan Plog, Amy Royden-Bloom, TBD

Heat Pumps To The Rescue: What Could Go Wrong?

Bob Davis, Paul Francisco, Bruce Manclark

How to Audit a Multifamily Building if You have Never Done One

Andy Padian, Brody Vance

Practical Approaches to Maintaining Jobsite Health & Safety

Terry Emelander

Scaling Innovative Installation Methods, Materials, and Measures within US Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program

Stephanie Insinna-Sahondo, Doug Jones, Chuck Kurnik

How to Start a Healthy Homes Program

(Keith Canfield), Michelle Miller, Laura Viik, TBD

NREL & DOE Continuous Improvement Workshop

TBD

Full-Day Workshops

Business Insider: The Inner Working Gears of a Home Performance Business

Alyshia Casper, Shad Cook, Matt Dennis, Brandon Granger, Jon Harrod, Adam Hobbs, Damian Hodkinson, Brittany McDonald, Shana Ranger, Matt Slimskey, Hal Smith

WAP Programmatic Peer Exchange

Allen Carbert, Phil Hull, Meghan McMillen, Geoff Wilcox



60-Minute Sessions: Tuesday-Thursday



Affordable Housing & Multifamily

Affordable Pathways to Building Electrification in the Southeast Sydney Roberts, William Bryan, Emily Levin

Building Nonprofit Partnerships to Reach Underserved CommunitiesBethany Kitch, TBD

Electrifying Low-Income Households: Lessons from the Field Charity Fain, Jim Plantico

Incorporating Resilience to Address Extreme Climate Events & Climate Justice Rob Buchanan, Pilar Calderin, Isaiah Kamrar, Jaimes Valdez

Insulation and Air Sealing in Low-Income Multifamily Energy Efficiency ProgramsLance Collins, Veena Singla, Roberto Valle Kinloch

Layering and Bolstering Existing Energy and Health Programs for Deep Energy & Electrification Alon Abramson, TBD

Learning to Love Heat Pump Water Heating for Multifamily (Kimberly Vermeer) Becky Schaaf, Iain Walker, TBD

Pivoting from Multifamily Energy Efficiency to Multifamily Decarbonization Sam Beeson, Kevin DeMaster, Brody Vance

Strategies for Decarbonizing Affordable HousingJennifer Amann, Stephanie Sosa-Kalter, Carolin Tolentino

Using Home Energy Score to Lessen Energy Burdens in Low-income Communities David Heslam, Tonya Swenor, TBD





Building Envelope

Advanced Air Sealing

Eric Nelson

Batten the Hatches! Window Retrofits Shut Out the Storms and Keep in the Energy Savings

Katherine Cort, Rowan McCarthy, Marcus Redden, Christian Valoria

Crawlspaces: The Good - The Bad - & The Ugly

John Tooley

How to be a Homeowner Hero: Helping your Customers Make their Homes More Disaster Resistant

Chrissi Antonopoulos, Theresa Gilbride, Christian Kaltreider

Innovative Approaches to Air Sealing Multi-Family Buildings and Updated Air Sealing Certifications

Ken Allison, Mike D'Esposito, Larry Zarker

Installing Insulation, Getting the Most out of Your Equipment, Materials and Time

Chris Fuerst, Betsey Tipton

Introducing ORNL's Building Science Advisor (BSA)

Michael Lubliner

Mobile Home Electrification: How to Be Successful (Parts 1 & 2)

Matt Dennis, TBD

The Science Behind Insulation: In Cavities and Continuous

Marcus Bianchi, Achilles Karagiozis

Vermiculite Insulation and WAP - Details and Experiences from Illinois

Bill Eckman, Paul Francisco





Diagnostics & Audits

A New Tool for Home Energy Retrofit Analysis and Verification

Tyler Pilet, Samuel Rosenberg

Auditing & Modeling Requirements for the IRA

Larry Zarker, TBD

Best Practices for Completing Duct Leakage Testing

Jake McAlpine

Building Diagnostic Tools: What, Why, and How

Doug Horgan

Combustion Safety Testing Protocols

Paul Francisco

Evaluating Multifamily Buildings for Electrification

Shad Cook, TBD

Existing Multifamily Testing and Air Sealing

Torrance Kramer

Heat Pumps for Auditors

TBD

Remote QA Protocols - Reactions from the Field

Edward Louie, Kevin Powell

The Impact of Water on the Building Industry and How to Scale Efficiency Efforts

Ryan Meres

Infrared Scanning for Energy Audits

Michael Ramsden





Fundamentals

Air Sealing & Duct Sealing Basics

TBD

BTL, Refrigerant Cycle, SSE, Oh My!: How to Communicate Complex Ideas in an Understandable Way

Jake Nuckolls

Bugs, Mold and Rot

John Tooley

Heat Loss / Heat Gain

Rick Karg

Heat Pump 101

Christopher Haringa

How to Explain Heat Pumps to Homeowners

Russell King

IAQ Management in Dwellings

Rick Karg

Summer Moisture: Problems and Solutions

Douglas Horgan

Radon 101

Dick Kornbluth

Whole Home Retrofits: The Order Matters

Patrick Huelman

Zone Pressure Diagnostics

Rick Karg





Home Performance Policy

Advocacy 101

Lizzie Bunnen Pack, Audrey Bragg

Better, Stronger, Faster: Home Energy Score Tool Enhancements Offer More Opportunities for Efficiency Upgrades

Torsten Glidden, Charlie Holly, Noel Merket, Megan Plog, TBD

Certifications & Labeling to Capture the Value of Your Work for Homeowners Dacia Bakkum, Pamela Brookstein, Woody Fincham, Caprice Johnson, Roger

Kainu, MacKenzie Winchel

Data Access

TBD

Deep Dive on Hope for Homes & the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act Implementation

Kara Saul Rinaldi

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and IRA Implementation

Darnell Johnson, TBD

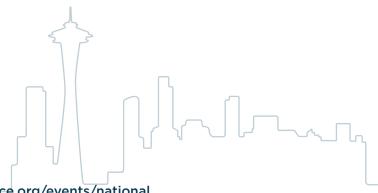
State Policy: 2022 Outlook Sabine Rogers, Xavier Walter

The Boom in HP Resources: Overview of Funding Opportunities & How to Combine for Greatest Impact

Emily Levin, Kara Saul Rinaldi, TBD

The Performance Playbook: A Policy and Program Design Strategy for Accelerating Energy Efficiency and Electrification Goals

Andy Frank, TBD





HVAC Strategies

Air Ducts: Flow and Thermal Performance

Allison Bailes, Marcus Bianchi

Being Successful With Retrofit Heat Pumps

Eric Kaiser

Field Test Results from Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump Installations in New York State

Richard Faesy, Christopher Dymond

Fixing a Broken Heating and Cooling Industry One System and One Contractor at a Time

Caroline Hazard, Joe Medosch, TBD

Humidity Control

Allison Bailes, Nikki Krueger

Low-Power Home Electrification: The Key to Avoiding Electric Panel Upgrades

Brennan Less, Iain Walker

Prioritizing Heat Pump QA Inspections Based on Early Indicators of Energy Performance

Marshall Johnson, Bruce Manclark, Adam Shick

Pumping Up Training for Cold-Climate Air Source Heat Pumps

Bob Davis, Dan Wildenhaus

Raising the Bar: Enhancing Education and Guidance of ASHP Selection, Design, Sizing, and Installation

David Norman, Alice Rosenberg, Larry Zarker

Summer Performance of Heat Pumps in Heating Climates

Ed Janowiak

Variable Capacity

TBD

Fitting a Round Tank in a Square Closet: Installing Hybrid Water Heaters in Small Spaces

Bruce Manclark





IAQ & Healthy Homes

Achieving Health Benefits Through Electrification

Shannon Stendel, Brett Singer, TBD

Assessing & Measuring the Relationship Between Weatherization, Thermal Comfort, & Asthma

Laura Humphrey, Samuel Manning, Michaela Marincic, Bruce Tonn, Erin Rose

Baby It's Hot Outside: Addressing Extreme Heat in Existing Housing

Chrissi Antonopoulos, Christian Kaltreider, Theresa Gilbride

EPA Existing Homes Program Model: Rewarding IAQ Upgrades

Aaron Johnson

IAQ Monitors: Seeing the Invisible or Nothing At All?

Joe Medosch, Kevin Kennedy, Brett Singer

IAQ Science and Science Fiction

Paul Francisco

Linking Healthcare & Healthier Homes: Lessons Learned from HH Programs

Rebeca Barrios-Hurst, Yvonne Lewis, Erin Rose

Maintaining IAQ During Wildfire & Poor Air Quality Events

Chrissi Antonopoulos, Alex Boetzel, Waylon White

Strategies for Optimizing the Use of Healthier Materials in Affordable Housing

(Larry Zarker) Tristan Grant, Ryan Johnson, TBD

The Missing Piece: Integrating Indoor Air Quality, Energy Efficiency and Resilience for All Community Members

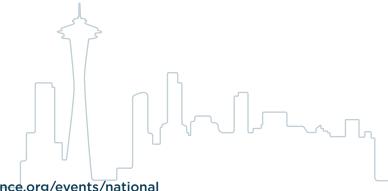
Megan DeMasters, Heidi O'Mara

Ventilation & IAQ

Douglas Horgan, Patrick Nielsen, Travis Rasch, Jonathan Wilson

What's New with IAQ

Eric Werling, Nicholas Hurst, Iain Walker





Designing & Implementing Internal Quality Control Strategies for Weatherization Contractors

Shane Bulick, Lauren McFeeley, Andy Etue

Ethics in Weatherization

Rick Karg

Installer Badges Toolkit and Visualization Resources

Cory Chovanec, Jal Desai

Marketing and Communications Strategies for Reaching Low- and Moderate-Income Communities

Peter Troast

The Future of Weatherization

TBD

Top 10 Audit-Related QA Issues and Remedies

Bill Eckman

Transfiguring the NREL/DOE Weatherization Installer Badges Training Program for the Broader Market

Adrian Arenas, Ryan LaPoma, James Metoyer

WAP Deep Dive: How Memphis is Braiding Weatherization and Electrification

Chad Bowman, Maggie Kelley Riggins

The Workforce and Recruitment Challenge: What's working so far?

Allen Carbert, TBD

WX Presentation Extravaganza for Field Staff

Jake Nuckolls, Brian Hochhalter, TBD

ASHRAE 62.2-2016 Compliance in Weatherization

Paul Francisco, Rick Karg

The Ameren Illinois Weatherization Supplemental Staffing Initiative for Community Action Agencies

Diana Fuller, Jamey Neal

What's the Latest? Weatherization Assistant Version 10 News and Improvements

Bill Eckman

Additional sessions coming soon.

Topics include:

Inflation Reduction Act Rebate Programs & WAP

IRA and BIL Workforce Programs & WAP

Justice 40 Initiative and Tools

Navigating WAP Competitive Funding Opportunities

DOE Peer Exchange - Women in Weatherization

DOE Peer Exchange - Young Weatherization Professionals

DOE Energy Audit Guidance and Integrating Solar PV

Trainer's Consortium Panel

NASCSP Updates and Policy Outlook

NCAP Updates

Building for Growth: Weatherization Updates from NREL

Weatherization Readiness Panel Discussion

The Faces of the ORNL Weatherization Help Desk

Multifamily Best Practices

DOE WAP Project Officer Panel - States East

of the Mississippi

DOE WAP Project Officer Panel - States West

of the Mississippi

DOE Office of Inspector General

Cooling Programs in Mild and Cold Climates

BIL Innovative Projects/Pilots



Program Operations & Updates

Bringing EE to the Masses: Promoting Your Program to a Diverse Audience

Angie Bivens, Suzanne E. Sebastian

Effectively Integrating Leveraged Resources into Programs

Andrew Gostisha, Frank Rapley

Encouraging Contractor Participation in LMI and Disadvantaged Communities Programs

Angie Bivens, Scott Harrell, Robyn King, Suzanne Sebastian

Equitable Stakeholder Engagement that Benefits All

Chase Macpherson, Maggie Kelley Riggins, Julia Sander

Introducing ENERGY STAR Home Upgrade: What, Why, and How

Doug Anderson, Daniel Lawler

Making Homeowners "Heat Pump Ready"

Sharon Guarino, Christopher Haringa

Transitioning Energy Efficiency Programs to Meet Decarbonization Goals

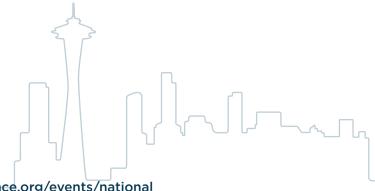
Kristin Dupre, Meg Howard

U.S. DOE Residential Team Update

(Jonathan Cohen), Amy Royden-Bloom, Jaime van Mourik, Eric Werling

Utility Pilot to Address Structural Barriers and Deferrals

Deb Davis, John Parrish, Anthony Saccamango





Running Your Home Performance Business

An Easy Way to Boost Close Rates by 5 Points

Bill Hoelzer

Blueprint for Growth: Lessons Learned Scaling a Building Performance Contractor

Martijn Fleuren

Brand Marketing: How to Effectively Tell Your Story through Marketing

Nancy O'Hare-Zika

Direct to Consumer Marketing: Customer Acquisition for Contractors

(Mark Tajima) Bill Graham, TBD

Homeowner Marketing Strategies that Work: Lessons from the Field

Pamela Brookstein, Kat Cahill, Ty Rucarean

HR for Business

Patch Garcia

Marketing for Recruitment

(Patch Garcia) Nancy O'Hare-Zika, Peter Troast

Software Solutions

Elena Chrimat, Michele Windsor, TBD

Strategic Partnerships In Order to Grow

Charles Cormany, Robert Hamerly, TBD

The Affordable Retrofit

Mark Tajima

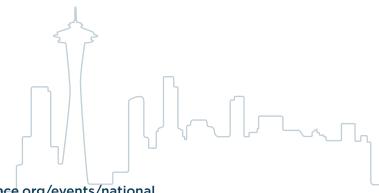
The Consumer Landscape in the Transformative Era of IRA: What It Means

For Your Marketing

Peter Troast

Worst Practices: How to Put Yourself Out of Business

Damian Hodkinson, Dan Thomsen





The Smart Home

Addressing Equity & Accessibility for the Smart Home

Thomas Anreise, Emily Kemper, TBD

Better Together: Electrification & The Smart Home

Beth Karlin, TBD

Not Throwing Away This Shot: The Smart Home is Here, but Will It Perform?

Lieko Earle, Beth Karlin, Emily Kemper, Kara Saul Rinaldi

Smart Home Solutions for Multifamily Buildings

Carter Li, TBD

Smart Tools and Intelligent Apps = Superior Technicians

Joe Medosch, Rob Minnick, Christian Valoria

The Best and the Brightest: New Integrated Home Solutions

Chloe Mayhew, Alice Rosenberg, TBD





Workforce Development

Attracting and Retaining Minorities in the HVAC Industry

Adam Hobbs, TBD

BPI's Certification and Standards Update

Richard Faesy, Larry Zarker

Creating and Promoting a Diverse Workforce in Energy Efficiency (Parts 1 & 2)

(Jason Elton), Laura Klement, James Metoyer, Andre Ramirez Roberts, Indika Sugathadasa, Jackie Zusi-Russell

Energy Heroes: Developing the Diverse and Dynamic Workforce of the Future

Janell Hills, Darnell Johnson, Xavier Walter, Patch Garcia

Equity Focused Workforce Development

Bethany Kitch, Sarah Northrup, Rebecca Olson

IIJA Impacts on Workforce

Xavier Walter, TBD

IRA & Workforce Development

TBD

Regional Perspectives on Electrification Training

Amanda Hatherly, Maggie Kelley Riggins, Sarina Sawyer, TBD

Strategies for Creating a Diverse Building Performance Workforce

Alison Diehl, James Metoyer

Working Together to Diversify Building Performance via Minority-Owned Firms

Monica Guevara, Steve Gelb

