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**Great Resources for Weatherizing Your Home and Older Windows**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County held their Annual Meeting to elect new CCEUC Board and Program Committee members for 2009 on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge.

This public meeting included a brief presentation about Green Development in Ulster County by the President of Ulster County Development Corporation, Lance Matteson. The featured presentation entitled, Reducing Heating Costs in Existing Homes, How Low Can You Go? presented by Mark Pierce, Extension Associate with the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis at Cornell University. The presentation included timely information for the public about how to weatherize their homes and save energy all year long.

For more information about weatherizing your home use these helpful books and online resources courtesy of Mark Pierce.

**Resources on World Wide Web:**

**A Do-It-Yourself Guide To ENERGY STAR Home Sealing**

(Sealing air leaks and adding attic Insulation) Free pdf file available from U.S. EPA at:  
[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home\\_sealing.hm\\_improvement\\_sealing](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home_sealing.hm_improvement_sealing)

**ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick**

Use the ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick to compare your home's energy efficiency to similar homes across the country and get recommendations for energy-saving home improvements from ENERGY STAR. Go to:

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home\\_energy\\_yardstick.showStep2](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home_energy_yardstick.showStep2)

**Energy Federation**

This is an internet site that is essentially a one-stop-shop for an array of resource conservation-related products that are typically difficult to find through conventional distributors and retailers. All types of weatherization products including; weather stripping, caulks, spray sealants, energy efficient lighting, exhaust fans etc.

*Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities*

[www.energyfederation.org](http://www.energyfederation.org)

**Repair of Historic Wooden Windows National Park Service website**

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief9.htm>

**LBNL free downloadable computer program**

This program is designed to help consumers pick the most energy efficient and cost effective window. It can also assist you in calculating how much/little energy replacement windows would save.

<http://windows.lbl.gov/software/resfen/resfen.html>

**Books:**

***Insulate and Weatherize* (2002)**

by Bruce Harley Published by the Taunton press, 63 South Main Street, PO Box 5506, Newtown, CT 06470

***Residential Energy Cost Savings and Comfort for Existing Buildings* (2000)**

by John Krigger published by Saturn Resource Management, 324 Fuller Avenue, N-13 Helena, Montana 59601

***Working Windows: A Guide to the Repair and Restoration of Wood Windows***

by Terry Meany; Paperback. This book thoroughly covers the task of repairing/refurbishing older double-hung wood windows that use metal counterweights to assist in the opening and closing of the window. If you ever wanted to know how to replace or repair the sash cords that run into pulleys in the window frame and then disappear into the wall, this is the book for you.

***Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* (2003-8<sup>th</sup> Edition)**

by Alex Wilson, Jennifer Thorne, and John Morrill Published by American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, DC.

**Cornell University Housing Fact Sheets:**

<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/housing/>

Follow link to obtain the group of Fact Sheets listed below

[Energy Saving Window Treatments](#)

[Installing an Energy Efficient Roller Shade](#)

[Insulation Check-Up](#)

[Modifying Draperies to Conserve Energy](#)

[Sealing Air Leaks in Your Home](#)

[Weather-Stripping Windows and Doors](#)