

2025 Plugged into Energy Research lecture series - DRAFT

Lecture A:

Perspectives on Weatherization for Landlords and Tenants*

Monday, November 10, 2025 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Rochambeau Library, Providence

Target Audience: General Public (especially Spanish speakers, landlords, and renters)

Purpose: To highlight personal testimonials from participants in home energy efficiency programs in an effort to 1) raise awareness about the importance of energy efficiency as a tool for home health, human health and comfort, money savings and climate change mitigation; and 2) promote weatherization programs, particularly for landlords and renters. The RI Energy Landlord Information Sessions will be promoted at this event, and participants will have the opportunity to schedule an in-home energy assessment as well.

TIME	TOPIC	POTENTIAL SPEAKERS
6:00 p.m.	Welcome and Thank You from URI and the EEC	Kevin Drumm, URI CoopExt
6:10 p.m.	Why is weatherization so important? Resources for Renters, Landlord Information Sessions	Carinel LeGrand, RI Energy
6:25 p.m.	Details about the RI Weatherization Program	Lina Bravo, PVD Public Library
6:35 p.m.	Q&A: What to expect during weatherization process	Juan Turbidez - renter Dawn Taylor-Church - landlord
7:00 p.m.	Adjourn; Schedule Your Energy Assessment today!	RI Energy Customer Advocate

**Session will be facilitated in Spanish with English translation available*

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Lecture B:

Perspectives on Weatherization for Homeowners

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | URI Higgins Welcome Center, Kingston

Target Audience: General Public (especially homeowners)

Purpose: To highlight personal testimonials from participants in home energy efficiency programs in an effort to 1) raise awareness about the importance of energy efficiency as a tool for home health, human health and comfort, money savings and climate change mitigation; and 2) promote weatherization programs, particularly for homeowners. Participants will have the opportunity to schedule an in-home energy assessment as well.

TIME	TOPIC	POTENTIAL SPEAKERS
6:00 p.m.	Welcome and Thank You from URI and the EEC	Kevin Drumm, URI CoopExt
6:10 p.m.	Why is weatherization so important?	Bert Cooper, GHHI
6:25 p.m.	Details about the RI Weatherization Program	Dayanarah Baez, CAPP
6:35 p.m.	Q&A: What to expect during weatherization process	Robin Etchingham - homeowner Dawn Taylor Church - CHW
7:00 p.m.	Adjourn; Schedule your Energy Assessment today!	RI Energy Customer Advocate

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Lecture C:

Transformational Change in Energy Efficiency Program Participation

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | URI Higgins Welcome Center, Kingston

Target Audience: General Public

Purpose: To highlight current engagement activities geared towards increasing participation in energy efficiency programs in RI and facilitate conversation around how to fill gaps in engagement. Proposed engagement activities for 2026 may be included - TBD!

TIME	TOPIC	POTENTIAL SPEAKERS
6:00 p.m.	Welcome and thank you from URI and the EEC	Kevin Drumm, URI CoopExt
6:10 p.m.	The Situation: Low Program Participation Despite Payoffs	Nina Lima, URI CoopExt
6:25 p.m.	Current Engagement Activities in RI: What, Who and Why? Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice RI Energy Landlord Information Sessions RI Energy Equity Working Group	Kate Hardesty, URI CoopExt Kate Felder, RI Energy Bryan Evans, GHHI
7:00 p.m.	Adjourn; Schedule your Energy Assessment today!	RI Energy Customer Advocate?
