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## **WESTAR ENERGY OFFERS FREE HOME ENERGY SAVINGS WORKSHOP**

**Learn no-cost, low-cost tips to improve home comfort and energy efficiency.**

MANHATTAN, Kan., April 23, 2013 — Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR), in partnership with the Manhattan Public Library, is offering a free Home Energy Savings Workshop Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Manhattan Public Library, 692 Poyntz Ave.

Customer Programs and Services representatives will share easy, cost-effective steps homeowners and renters can take to improve comfort and use energy more wisely.

Participants who attend this three-hour workshop will learn about:

- Heating and cooling equipment
- Air sealing (insulation, windows and doors)
- Water heating
- Lighting
- Appliances

Presenters will demonstrate the basics of weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors, keeping air conditioners in good working order and choosing the best type of insulation.

“Small improvements can yield big results, whether it’s placing inexpensive foam covers on switch plates, replacing filters more frequently or purchasing energy-efficient bulbs,” said Tammie Rhea, Westar Energy account manager.

Each participant will have the opportunity to purchase a weatherization kit for \$20, and each participant will be entered into a drawing for two \$100 gift certificates to a local home improvement store (must be present to win).

Participants can register online at <http://www.westarenergy.com/energyworkshop> or by contacting Tammie Rhea at 316.261.6535 or [tammie.rhea@westarenergy.com](mailto:tammie.rhea@westarenergy.com).

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