



## News Release

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### **BLACK HILLS ENERGY SPONSORS WEATHERIZATION SEMINAR IN BELLEVUE**

*Homeowners learn simple, low- and no-cost measures that can help save on energy costs*

BELLEVUE, Iowa, Nov. 30, 2009 – Energy demand and use typically rise with the cold winter temperatures, leading to higher utility bills. However, homeowners that attended Black Hills Energy’s weatherization seminar in Bellevue this month learned there are simple ways to reduce energy consumption, lower utility bills and still stay warm indoors this winter.

“Using energy wisely is top of mind for most homeowners during the winter heating season,” said Chuck Bandy, operations supervisor in Dubuque for Black Hills Energy. “The seminar is part of Black Hills Energy’s companywide weatherization program designed to educate homeowners about the simple techniques they can take to make their homes more energy efficient in preparation for winter.”

At the seminar, Black Hills Energy employees conducted demonstrations on simple, no- and low-cost weatherization techniques, and representatives from Evergreen Construction setup a display with energy efficient materials available for purchase.

Attendees also received information about the many rebate programs available to Black Hills Energy’s residential natural gas customers in Iowa (rebates are also available for commercial and industrial customers). The rebates can help pay for insulation and energy efficient doors, appliances and furnaces. More information is available at [www.BHEHowTo.com](http://www.BHEHowTo.com) or by calling 888-567-0799.

“Becoming energy efficient is easy,” said Bandy. “And these seminars are designed to be a one-stop shop for homeowners wanting to reduce energy consumption – customers learn how to use energy wisely and also where to purchase energy efficient supplies. And for those that weren’t able to attend, I encourage them to contact us to schedule a free home energy audit so

they can learn about the many ways to increase their efficiency levels, save on their energy bills and receive rebates from Black Hills Energy,” continued Bandy.

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