

barn raising (noun)

A party where neighbors worked together to help individuals on big projects that needed many hands.

HEET Weatherization Barn-raising

Instead of raising barns, we weatherize neighbors' homes. Weatherization barn-raising have food and music. Meet new people while you learn skills that you can take home to decrease your heating bill. You don't need to be handy and you can choose which skills you want to learn. Team leaders will teach you, while you work to help a neighbor decrease their carbon emissions.

If you live in Cambridge and would like your own home weatherized, contact the Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET) at heet.cambridge@gmail.com or call Steve at 617-876-4753. As this is a cooperative effort, we ask that you work on a few barn-raising before and after your own home is worked on.

Prior to your barn-raising, HEET members will visit your house to do an assessment and work with you to make a weatherization plan. You will be responsible for purchasing the weatherization materials and food needed for the barn-raising if you can afford to do so. HEET has a fund for those who need assistance with the purchase of materials. All labor is free and donated by your neighbors.

We can't promise to finish every window and door, etc., in your home, but we will work to weatherize all that we can and to complete and clean up after any section of the work we start.

About the Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET)

HEET is a Cambridge-based energy co-op bringing neighbors together to weatherize homes. With unstable oil prices and a climate emergency, it's time to take the energy future into our own hands.