



## SEALING YOUR HOME

### Installing Weather Strips

Tools needed:

- Flathead screwdriver
- Sheetrock knife
- Scissors
- Dish washing detergent
- Clean rags
- Petroleum jelly

**Step 1:** Clean entire surface with detergent and water. Remove any old adhesive with petroleum jelly.

**Step 2:** Dry surface with rags.

**Step 3:** Use scissors to cut strip to a fit.

**Step 4:** Slowly remove paper backing as you push the foam into place.

### Monthly Lottery!!!

Everyone who makes their payment on time for the month of November will be eligible for the raffle of an HEB gift card.

### Cesar Chavez

"From the depth of need and despair, people can work together, can organize themselves to solve their own problems and fill their own needs with dignity and strength." - Cesar Chavez

With the rising cost of energy bills, it is very important to seal your home. Sealing your home by weather stripping your doors and windows will lower your utility bills, keep you warm all winter long and keep you cold all summer.

There are two ways you can find out if your home needs weather stripping. If you close the door and you see light coming in and also if your door is closed and you can feel or hear wind coming inside through the edges.

Now that you know that weather stripping is needed, you can choose which type to install. There is around 10 types of weather stripping, but the easiest one to apply is called **Pressure-sensitive adhesive-backed foam**. They come in rubber or foam rolls of varying lengths and thickness and will last up to 3 years. Go to your nearest hardware store and buy it.



Marcela Castellanos is training Osiel Gonzalez while he does his sweat equity hours towards his own home.

### Self-Help Grant

Proyecto Azteca has received Colonia Self-Help Center Program (SHC) funds administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("Department"), to provide a housing rehabilitation, reconstruction, new construction and/or Colonia SH Home Repair assistance program ("Colonia SHC Housing Assistance Program"), directed to low to moderate income homeowners and their immediate family. Colonias to be served are LJ, La Muniz, Rancho Sanchez, Linda Vista, South Tower Estates.

## CHDO GRANT 2008

Proyecto Azteca shall construct thirteen 2, 3 and 4 bedroom wood frame self-help pre-manufactured units of affordable housing to low-income qualified first time homebuyers. This agreement for low and moderate income families in the County of Hidalgo (with the exception of the city limits of Edinburg, Pharr, McAllen and Mission) will target four families at or below 30% of the median income and nine families below 60% of the median income. Proyecto Azteca will provide 0% interest mortgages to each family, which will be amortized over a 20/25-year period. Families will be required to contribute a total of 550 hours of sweat equity on their own home. The project will be administered in accordance with the HOME Investments Partnerships ACT at title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act.