

Home Energy Audits

A convenient, affordable “to-do” list for energy efficient renovations and repairs



Many Canadians want to make renovations and repairs that will make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient.

Start with a home energy audit

A home energy audit helps a homeowner identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency. With a list of potential energy and money saving projects a homeowner can then prioritize which projects get tackled first based on cost, convenience or the potential for greatest energy savings.

A home energy audit provides a blueprint of projects and activities that will make your home more energy efficient. The cost of each project can be estimated by qualified suppliers or tradespeople chosen by the homeowner.

Audits are quick and convenient

Energy audits are conducted by Government of Canada certified Home Energy Auditors¹ who will perform a thorough, visual inspection of your residence.

Every home has unique opportunities for energy and cost savings. At the conclusion of the audit, homeowners receive a personalized Energy Efficiency Report¹, that effectively becomes a “to-do” list for energy efficient renovations and repairs.



During a typical audit, the auditor will identify the causes of energy loss and waste. Energy and cost savings are commonly found in these areas:

Air Flow

Blockages, restrictions or gaps can possibly result in overworked furnaces and air conditioners, adding to your year-round expenses.

Doors and Windows

Leaks, cracks and worn out weather stripping are minor problems that may be adding up to major energy loss.

Insulation

Qualified examiners know how to assess what's in your walls without having to open your walls. This often overlooked aspect of a home's mechanical health can provide significant opportunities for improved energy efficiency.

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

These energy-consuming systems can have a dramatic affect on the cost of home ownership and maintenance. The cost of operating old inefficient equipment may be greater than the cost of purchasing new, modern alternatives when the energy savings are amortized over the life of the new machinery.

Follow these steps to save energy and money

Turn an energy audit into energy savings and you could qualify for up to \$5,000 in federal government rebates.¹

You may also qualify for additional rebates offered by your provincial government. It's well worth the time to investigate all of the opportunities to recoup more of your energy efficiency investment.

Government rebates vary, but homeowners who follow the correct steps could receive federal incentives similar to the amounts listed in the chart below.²

	REBATE
Install an ENERGY STAR® qualified gas furnace	\$300
Install a certified heat recovery ventilator	\$300
Install attic insulation	Up to \$600
Insulate crawl space	Up to \$800
Install a solar domestic hot water system	\$500
Insulate basement	Up to \$1,000

Learn more about federal energy rebates today at www.oeenrcan.gc.ca/residential



1 Have an energy audit completed by a Certified Auditor.

2 Review items and prioritize them based on impact and budget.

3 Establish a budget and evaluate financing options if necessary.

4 Within 18 months, make the renovations and/or repairs that fit within your budget.

5 Have your Certified Auditor return and complete a post-retrofit audit.

6 Ensure your auditor submits your post-retrofit audit to the Government of Canada to discover how much of a rebate you could be eligible to receive.

Putting your saving plan into effect

Establishing a budget for household renovations and repairs is always a good place to start. With a manageable figure in mind, it may be easier for homeowners to prioritize the projects that a home energy audit identified as the most beneficial, critical or cost effective.

Visit your local RBC branch today and we'll help you evaluate the financing options that spread the cost of eco-friendly updates over a reasonable time. This allows homeowners to enjoy the benefits of greater energy efficiency and savings sooner.

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