

The benefits of EnerGuide for Houses

Peace of mind: Our energy efficiency experts provide unbiased advice, and the program is quality assured by the Government of Canada.

Complete and thorough assessment: EnerGuide for Houses is one of the most complete energy-use assessments available anywhere.

Understanding your options: Understand where you are wasting energy and what you can do to reduce the waste.

Planning: The EnerGuide for Houses report will help you to plan repairs and estimate professional renovations.

Proof of hidden energy upgrades: After you have completed energy upgrades, our experts can provide a free second evaluation and EnerGuide for Houses label that proves your home's improved energy use.

EnerGuide is more than a name – it's a way of life

EnerGuide is the official Government of Canada mark that rates the energy consumption of products for the home, at work and on the road. Look for the EnerGuide label on major household appliances and room air conditioners. You can also find EnerGuide ratings printed on the back of manufacturers' brochures for gas furnaces, heat pumps and central air conditioners. Many houses and all new vehicles now carry the EnerGuide label. A good rating (or the lowest estimated annual fuel cost among new vehicles) is your proof of more efficient energy performance. Read the label and make the energy-efficient choice to help save money and protect the environment.

Schedule your evaluation today!

EnerGuide for Houses is offered in cooperation with professional residential energy efficiency organizations across Canada. Call the EnerGuide for Houses agent in your area today to find out the cost of the evaluation and schedule an appointment. For more information, please contact:

The Office of Energy Efficiency

The Office of Energy Efficiency helps Canadians participate in Canada's climate change solution by providing information and easy-to-apply advice about energy efficiency at home, at work and on the road. Call our toll-free line for free publications about energy efficiency and for contact information on the EnerGuide for Houses agent in your area.

Toll-free: 1 800 387-2000

For more information about EnerGuide for Houses or for copies of our energy efficiency publications, please contact:

Natural Resources Canada
Office of Energy Efficiency
Housing, Buildings and Regulations Division

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Comfort, savings, expert advice





EnerGuide for Houses helps you:

- Keep your home comfortable – warmer in winter, cooler in summer and with fewer drafts.
- Reduce your energy bills.
- Ensure your home is adequately ventilated for good indoor air quality.
- Plan your home improvements with independent information from an expert.
- Compare the energy efficiency of homes you are considering buying.



Call in the energy experts

The EnerGuide for Houses service has been developed by Natural Resources Canada to help you make the right home improvement choices. It provides you with independent advice on how your home uses energy and where it is being wasted. Our advisors will show you how to improve the comfort of your home, cut heating and cooling costs, and ensure adequate, healthy ventilation.



EnerGuide for Houses also helps you make a difference to the environment. Every time we use energy from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, we produce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change and harm our environment. Stop wasting energy and join Canada's climate change solution.



When should you use EnerGuide for Houses?

Does your home have comfort problems such as drafts, cold spots and frosted windows? Find the source of these problems and get information about repairing them.

Renovating? EnerGuide for Houses advisors use state-of-the-art energy practices and can advise on the best modern techniques and products.

Buying new windows? Get independent advice about your options.

Upgrading your heating and cooling system? Energy efficiency improvements can make a difference to the size of heating and cooling system you need.

Selling your house? After you've made energy efficiency upgrades and comfort improvements to your home, a revised EnerGuide for Houses label and report show potential buyers how you've made your home the best it can be.

Buying a house? When viewing a home, look for the EnerGuide for Houses label near the electrical panel and compare the energy efficiencies of the different houses you are considering.

How does EnerGuide for Houses work?

EnerGuide for Houses is available across Canada through a network of licensed organizations. Simply call to make an appointment.

The EnerGuide for Houses service includes:

- a detailed energy evaluation of your home carried out by a specially trained advisor
- a "blower door" test to find air leaks
- a printed report that shows where your energy dollars are being spent and what you can do to improve your home's energy efficiency
- an EnerGuide for Houses label that shows you how your home compares with others

Your EnerGuide for Houses advisor will review your report with you, explain the details and answer your questions.

EnerGuide for Houses is not a pre-purchase home inspection – it deals specifically with energy efficiency. If you are concerned about the general condition of your home, our advisors will recommend that you call a home inspector.