

HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

Greater Comfort, More Savings

A home energy assessment helps you pinpoint where your house is losing energy so you can prioritize improvements for greater comfort and savings. Upgrades such as air sealing, insulation, and HVAC replacement can save you approximately 15% or more on your utility bills while increasing home comfort, safety, durability, and resale value. Plus, you will receive cash rebates for qualified improvements.

Plan Ahead

In preparation for your assessment, you should:

- Arrange to be home to consult with your Trade Ally contractor.
- Expect the process to take two to four hours.
- Make sure there is clear access to mechanical equipment.
- Extinguish fireplaces and/or wood-burning stoves 24 hours before the assessment and remove ashes.
- Secure pets and allow access to all rooms.
- Plan to provide access to one or more years' worth of utility bills or energy usage.

What To Expect

During the assessment, your Trade Ally contractor will perform the following services:



- 1 **Visual inspection** of your living space, attic, basement, or crawlspace.
- 2 **Blower door test** to measure air tightness.
- 3 **Combustion safety and ventilation test** to ensure mechanicals, such as your furnace and water heater, are operating correctly and there is sufficient air circulation.
- 4 **Infrared camera scan** (optional) to identify air leaks and lack of insulation in walls.

After the Assessment

Your Trade Ally contractor will provide you with a customized energy report highlighting which upgrades are the best investment for your home. They will also go over rebates and help you prioritize efficiency measures before pricing out the work, presenting a contract, and completing improvements.



Could Your Home Use a Boost?

Every home can benefit from an energy assessment, especially if you experience any of the following:

- Drafty rooms.
- Fluctuating temperatures.
- Inefficient heating and cooling equipment.
- Moisture and mold issues.
- Ice dams.
- An aging home.
- High energy bills.



For a quick look at how home energy assessments work, scan the QR code to watch our video.



Frequently Asked Questions

1

What is a blower door test?

A Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified assessment will always include a blower door test, which measures the air tightness of your home and helps locate air leaks.



2

What is R-value?

R-value rates insulation performance by measuring its resistance to temperature change. The higher the R-value, the more comfortable and energy efficient your home will be.

3

What are some common energy-efficiency improvements?

Improvements include reducing drafts with whole-house air sealing, adding and improving insulation in the attic, walls, and byways, and improving indoor air quality through ventilation.

Schedule Your Appointment

Find a Trade Ally contractor to assess your home at focusenergy.com/wholehome or call **800.762.7077**.

Meet the Assessor

Your assessment will be performed by a BPI trained Trade Ally contractor. These are true energy experts who understand every aspect of home performance and how the many components—from the number of occupants to local climate, age of the home, size, and layout—all interact.

Save on Individual Upgrades

If you prefer to bypass the assessment and jump right into making home improvements, FOCUS ON ENERGY® offers rebates for select upgrades such as insulation projects, efficient heating and cooling equipment, and renewable energy systems.

Rebates are subject to change and cannot exceed project costs.

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