



BE ENERGY SMART TAKE THESE STEPS TODAY

Contact our **Energy Smart Expert** to learn how you can take these Energy Smart steps.

Get a Free Home Energy Assessment

A free home energy assessment will identify the most cost-effective energy efficiency improvements needed in your home.

All owners of one-to-four family homes are eligible for a free home energy assessment. A home energy expert can assess your entire house or apartment and identify what energy efficiency measures would be most cost-effective. Income-eligible homeowners may also qualify for free or reduced-cost energy upgrades.

Income-eligible renters can receive free home energy assessments and free or reduced-cost energy upgrades.

- If you are a renter or homeowner and receive HEAP assistance with energy costs, you may be eligible for free energy upgrades through the [Weatherization](#) or [Empower](#) Program. Contact our [Energy Smart Expert](#) for more information.
- Households with incomes up to \$76,750 for a family of four (\$42,400 for a single-person household) qualify for a free home energy assessment as well as reduced-cost energy upgrades through the [Assisted Home Performance with the ENERGY STAR®](#) program.
 - Apply online and be sure to contact a local energy services provider such as [NeighborWorks](#) or [Pathstone](#), or contact a [participating contractor](#).
- All other owners of one-to-four family homes may contact a qualified home energy assessment contractor from NYSERDA's [list of participating contractors](#).

Install Energy-Efficiency Improvements

- Once you have completed a home energy assessment, be sure to follow up and install the recommended energy efficiency measures. Prioritize improvements that will “pay for themselves” in energy cost savings as well as those that provide comfort, safety, and reduce the use of fossil fuels.
- Be sure to ask your contractor or energy services provider about state financial incentives for energy efficiency improvement. Owner-occupied and renter households that are eligible for HEAP assistance should contact [Action for a Better Community](#) to ask about the Weatherization Assistance and/or EmPower programs.
- Other homeowners should ask about the [Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®](#) and [Comfort Home](#) programs.
- Financing options (loans) include [On-Bill Recovery](#) – where your payments are equal to the amount of energy cost savings – or with a [traditional loan](#) over a period of 5, 10, or 15 years.

Consider Replacing Your Furnace with an Air- or Ground-Source Heat Pump

Once your home is properly insulated and energy-efficient, consider replacing your gas, oil, or electric resistance heating system with an air- or ground-source heat pump. These systems provide heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. Financial incentives and financing are available.

Learn more at our [webpage](#).

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