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Today, 17 percent of all energy used in Canada goes toward running our homes. Every time we use energy from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, we produce greenhouse gas emissions. By using less energy in our homes, we help reduce the production of the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change and harm our environment.

Nowadays, homes that are more than 25 years old have the potential to save an average of 35 percent of their energy use. Homes that are more than 50 years old could achieve even greater savings - an average of 38 percent.

Since 1998, more than 270,000 property owners have used NRCan's energy efficiency program to help identify and solve home comfort problems and plan their energy efficiency retrofits. NRCan data show that if these property owners undertook all the retrofits recommended, they would reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by almost 4.6 tonnes per year, per house.

Source: Office of Energy Efficiency

Grants available for energy efficiency retrofits

The Government of Canada provides grants to property owners who complete [energy efficiency retrofits](#) based on the energy advisors' recommendations. Owners of low-rise residential rental properties may also qualify for a grant. The grant amount is based on carrying out energy efficiency retrofits such as increasing your attic insulation or replacing your gas furnace with a qualified ENERGY STAR® model. Only homes that have undergone a residential energy efficiency assessment by an NRCan-licensed advisor will be eligible for grants.

This and more available at <http://oee1.rncan.gc.ca/>

Product	Lead Time
Vinyl Windows	3 weeks
Wood Windows	6 weeks
Doors	4 weeks—8 weeks
Specialty	12 weeks
Cabinets	6 weeks

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When should you use the residential energy assessment service?

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 or retrofitting?

Energy advisors use state-of-the-art evaluation practices and can advise on the best modern techniques and types of products.

Upgrading your heating and cooling system?

Energy efficiency improvements can make a difference to the size of the heating and cooling system that your home needs.

Selling your house?

After you've made energy efficiency upgrades and comfort improvements to your home, the energy efficiency rating label shows potential buyers how much you've improved your home's energy efficiency and how it compares to other homes in your area.

Where & How?

Courtesy of: Energy Star Canada

Schedule your evaluation today!

The residential energy assessment service is offered in cooperation with professional service organizations across Canada. Call the service organization in your area today to find out the cost of the evaluation and schedule an appointment. For the name of a service organization in your region, refer to the [Contact an Energy Advisor](#) page where you can either enter the first three digits of your postal code or your province/territory to find an energy advisor near you or call our toll-free line 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232) or 1 800 926-9105 for the hearing impaired.

In preparation for an energy assessment, you should ensure that the energy advisor has access to your attic, crawl space or any other hard to reach areas. The advisor will need to take photos of your house (outside and inside). You will be asked to sign a homeowner release form permitting the advisor to take the photos, to release assessment data to NRCan and to allow NRCan to carry out quality assurance measures if the need arises. A responsible person who can make household decisions should be there when the advisor does his or her assessment.

How do you apply for a grant?

It's easy. Your energy advisor will apply for the grant on your behalf after you have completed the energy efficiency retrofits and your home has been re-assessed. Your advisor will prepare the paperwork for you to sign and will be able to tell you exactly how much you can expect to receive. Your energy advisor will then forward your application to NRCan.

A table of retrofits has been established to show the payment for the completion of each recommended upgrade. The grant amount has been determined by the relative effectiveness of that particular upgrade in reducing energy or water use, and not directly on the cost of the upgrade, which will vary depending on location, local pricing and labour costs, size of house, etc. Note: Refer to [Retrofit Your Home and Qualify for a Grant!](#) for grant amounts related to retrofits.

A grant application must be submitted to NRCan no later than 18 months after the date of the pre-retrofit evaluation. You can expect to receive your cheque within 90 days of your follow-up evaluation.

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