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Get a Home Energy Audit

A Typical Energy Audit

*Takes 3-4 hours
Homeowner should be present*

- ✓ Blower door testing to measure and locate air leakage
- ✓ Efficiency & safety testing of combustion appliances
- ✓ Infrared thermal imaging to isolate air leakage and insulation gaps
- ✓ Inspection of all accessible basements, crawlspaces, knee-walls, & attics
- ✓ A final report including recommended improvements, cost, & expected savings.

Choosing a Contractor

If you qualify for NHSaves rebates, your utility will assign you a qualified contractor when they approve your application. Your audit fee will be \$100 and all prices for energy upgrades are pre-determined.

If you are NOT participating in NHSaves, choose a contractor who is certified by the Building Performance Institute using this directory:

bpi.org/locator-tool/find-a-contractor

Tips

- ✓ Outside of the NHSaves program, call around and check online to compare companies and their audit prices.
- ✓ The contractor you choose for your energy audit will also complete your energy upgrades if you choose to move forward with a project.

The Best Time to Schedule Your Energy Audit

Schedule your energy audit **RIGHT AWAY** if:

- ✓ **You have other renovations planned.**
There may be ways to improve energy efficiency as part of other renovations.
- ✓ **You are eligible for a special program.**
Check with Vital Communities and NHSaves about any time-limited deals. You wouldn't want to miss out!
- ✓ **You are concerned** about going through your first winter without energy upgrades.

Otherwise, plan for **FEBRUARY** of your first winter, when you can answer the following questions:

- Where do icicles and ice dams form?
- Where do you feel cold drafts?
- What rooms are too hot or too cold?
- Where do you have mold/mildew issues?
- Which issues are you most concerned about? (e.g. savings, comfort, elimination of ice dams)

With an energy audit in February, you'll be ready to begin energy upgrades as early as March/April.