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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

Efficiency Vermont maintains a directory of pre-approved contractors. Search for “Home Performance Contractors” online at:

[efficiencyvermont.com/contractors](http://efficiencyvermont.com/contractors)

#### Tips

- ✓ 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.

#### Need help?

Call Efficiency Vermont’s hotline: 888-921-5990

### 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 Efficiency Vermont 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.