Overview: Canada Greener Homes Initiative

Offered by Natural Resources Canada, the Canada Greener Homes Initiative provides support to homeowners on eligible home retrofits.

Featured Offers

Canada Greener Homes Grant

- Up to \$5,000 in grants for energy-efficient home improvements
- Up to \$600 for the pre- and post-retrofit EnerGuide home energy evaluation

Canada Greener Homes Loan

 Up to \$40,000 in interest-free loans, with a repayment term of 10 years to help homeowners complete major home retrofits that are eligible for the grant and recommended by an energy advisor

See Canada Greener Homes website to see all offers.

Eligible Retrofits

Up to \$50	Programmable thermostats
Up to \$1,000	Air sealing
Up to \$2,625	Resiliency measures: waterproofing, moisture proofing
Up to \$5,000	Home insulation, windows & doors, heating equipment, renewable energy

Canada Greener Homes Eligibility

You are eligible if:

- √ You are a Canadian homeowner
- ✓ You are the only homeowner to register in your home
- ✓ You can provide proof of ownership and demonstrate that the home is your primary residence
- ✓ You have a good credit history (for the loan program only)

You are **not** eligible if:

- × You are a landlord and rent your property
- × You are a renter
- You have already started or completed retrofits without first receiving an EnerGuide home evaluation
- × Your home was built less than 6 months ago
- × You are renovating a home before moving in

Before You Begin

- ☐ Understand how the application process works.
- ☐ Have a valid piece of government-issued ID with your primary address on it (e.g., driver's license).
- ☐ Have your tax roll number handy (you can find it on a property tax bill).
- ☐ Look into service organizations in your area that can perform your pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation.

How to Apply for the Canada Greener Homes Grant and Loan Initiatives

- 1. Find a service organization to complete the audit, apply on the Canada Greener Homes portal, and receive approval.
- 2. Complete the pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation.
- 3. If applicable, apply for the loan.
- 4. Complete your energy upgrades.
- 5. Complete the post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation.
- 6. Submit proof of upgrades.
- 7. Receive your grant and, if applicable, loan.

Grant Application Checklist

- ☐ Receipts for your pre- and post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluations.
- ☐ All receipts and invoices **marked paid in full** for products purchased and for installation costs.
- ☐ Recommended: an attestation form for applicable retrofits (mechanical system, ground source heat pump, and air source heat pumps). Attestation forms are available on the Canada Greener Homes website.

Loan Application Checklist

- ☐ Pre-retrofit evaluation file number
- ☐ Government-issued photo identification (ID) with your address
- ☐ Property tax bill or assessment
- ☐ Detailed quotes from contractors or a complete material and rental estimate from suppliers
- ☐ Proof of income and employment

A **service organization** is responsible for training and managing **energy advisors** who assess a home's energy performance and potential energy savings. Service organizations and energy advisors are licensed by Natural Resources Canada. To find a service organization in your area, scan the QR code on the back of this sheet.





What are energy audits?

Also known as a home energy assessment, an **energy audit** is a home inspection that gauges a home's energy efficiency. Whether completed by a professional or on your own as a DIY activity, an energy audit is a valuable tool that can help homeowners discover areas of energy loss, save money, and make their homes more comfortable.



EnerGuide Evaluations

An **EnerGuide Home Evaluation** is a type of energy audit performed by a professional that analyzes a home's energy efficiency and identifies areas for improvement. It provides homeowners with a detailed report, offering recommendations to enhance energy performance and reduce utility costs.

To participate in the Canada Greener Homes Grant, homeowners must arrange to have an NRCan-registered energy advisor complete **EnerGuide evaluations** *before* **and** *after* **the retrofit**. Homeowners can receive up to \$600 to perform these energy evaluations through the Canada Greener Homes Grant.

How to Read Your EnerGuide Evaluation

After your evaluation, you will receive three documents: Homeowner Information Sheet, EnerGuide Label, and a Renovation Upgrade Report. These documents will include the following information:

Overall Score

A grade for your home's energy performance. The lower the number, the better energy performance of the home.

Details on Energy Use

Where your home uses the most energy (heating, cooling, appliances, etc.).

Recommendations

Suggested upgrades for your home, which include better insulation, new windows, or more energy-efficient appliances.

Need Help? Get in touch with an Energy Coach.

Energy Coaches are experts in home energy efficiency and are not affiliated with any contractors or vendors. They can provide energy-saving tips, guide homeowners through all stages of their home energy renovation projects, and conduct home walkthroughs virtually or in person!

What's a home walkthrough?

Home walkthroughs are free high-level assessments conducted by an energy coach. A home walkthrough is **not** an EnerGuide audit. However, home walkthroughs can help homeowners understand their EnerGuide audits and prioritize upgrades before starting a home energy renovation project.

Website:

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Useful Links

Greener Together Saskatoon Website



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