



# HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR®

## ENERGY BILLS AS BIG AS A HOUSE?

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR can help by cutting up to 30 percent of your heating, cooling and water heating costs when you make recommended improvements. Energy Trust of Oregon is dedicated to helping you see how every component in your home, including your furnace or heat pump, water heater, insulation and windows, works together, and how recommended improvements can make your home more energy efficient and comfortable.

Contractors who offer Home Performance are specially trained and certified, and use diagnostic equipment to test and evaluate all components of your home's interior and exterior. After a comprehensive Home Performance assessment, you get a customized energy- and cost-saving action plan, comparing what you pay now to what you could be paying when your home runs at peak performance.

### How can Home Performance with ENERGY STAR work for you?

When you make recommended improvements, Home Performance can help you:

- **Save money.** Enjoy using less energy, while saving up to 30 percent on energy costs.

- **Increase comfort.** By making your home work as a system, you can stay cooler in summer and warmer in winter, and help eliminate drafty rooms.
- **Improve safety.** Know your home is safer when the contractor tests the carbon monoxide levels of your stove, furnace and water heater. Your contractor will also address any known problems in the home that could lead to health issues, such as water leaks, moisture build-up and cold drafts.
- **Build long-term home value.** Investments you make to improve the energy efficiency of your home can increase its overall value for years to come.
- **Get cash back from Energy Trust.** Energy Trust cash incentives help offset the cost of energy-saving home improvements. Get more cash when you make multiple improvements. You may also be eligible to receive state and federal tax credits on qualifying improvements.
- **Be confident in the work.** Your contractor is trained and certified to Building Performance Institute standards, and uses diagnostic equipment to evaluate your home's savings potential and ensure your home is safe and comfortable.



Want to know more about Home Performance with ENERGY STAR?

Visit us online  
[www.energytrust.org/hp](http://www.energytrust.org/hp)  
 or call 1.866.368.7878

# Get cash back for completed home improvements

## 1 Schedule your home assessment

Local Home Performance trade ally contractors—who have a valid Construction Contractors Board license and are also Building Performance Institute-certified—can perform the initial comprehensive home assessment. For a list of Home Performance contractors, visit [www.energytrust.org/hp](http://www.energytrust.org/hp) or call 1.866.368.7878. Call several contractors to see who best fits with you and your budget. Washington customers heating their home with gas from NW Natural are eligible to participate.

## 2 Identify improvements your home needs

After your assessment, review the custom energy-saving action plan with your contractor and prioritize recommended improvements.

## 3 Make your home improvements

Work with your Home Performance contractor to make recommended energy-saving home improvements.

Your contractor can also help you with low-interest financing available with GreenStreet Lending through Umpqua Bank (an Equal Housing Lender).

## 4 Submit forms and get cash back

After your contractor installs the energy-saving improvements, simply submit a copy of your contractor's invoice marked "paid in full" and Energy Trust Form 320HPWES. **To receive your incentive, all materials must be submitted within 90 days of the installation date.** You or your contractor can submit both materials. Form 320HPWES is online for your contractor at [www.energytrust.org/ta](http://www.energytrust.org/ta).

Mail completed form and invoice to:

Energy Trust of Oregon  
Home Energy Solutions  
P.O. Box 847  
Portland, OR 97207

Or, fax to: 1.866.516.7592

We will mail your incentive check six to eight weeks after we receive your invoice and completed form.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The Home Performance assessment takes about three to four hours. The contractor will invite you to shadow the crew as they move throughout your home performing a series of inspections and tests.

**Exterior home**—inspection for moisture problems, proper attic and crawl space ventilation and window inefficiencies

**Interior home**—inspection for indoor moisture problems, proper room ventilation, air leaks and insulation levels

**Attic**—inspection for insulation levels, air sealing opportunities and ventilation

**Crawl space and basement**—inspection for moisture problems, insulation levels and air sealing opportunities

**Diagnostic testing for combustion safety**—tests combustion appliances for efficiency, carbon monoxide levels and natural gas leaks

**Blower Door test**—measures volume of air leaking from your home and helps identify location of leaks

**Duct Blaster test**—measures volume of air leaking from ducts and helps identify leaks. (Not all contractors offer duct testing.)

Finally, learn how recommended improvements can reduce your home's carbon emissions. There is a fee for the assessment, which varies by contractor.