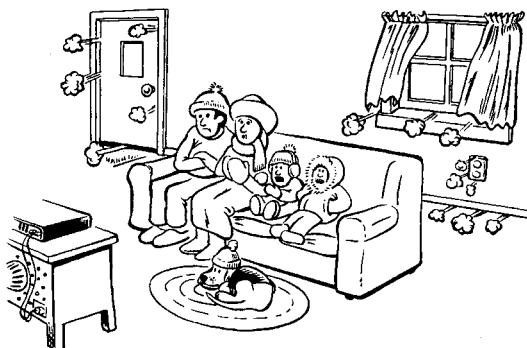


## Does Your Home Need Energy Efficiency Upgrading?

- Are your bills high but you're still cold?
- Does it feel like the wind is whipping through your doors, windows and walls?
- Is it dry in the house in winter?
- Are ice dams pulling off your eavestroughs?
- Is there mould or mildew growing on your walls or ceiling?
- Is your outdated fridge costing an arm and a leg in electricity consumption?



### Our Service Can Help!

If your household is eligible, we can improve the comfort and efficiency of your home. A Certified Energy Advisor will evaluate the needs of your home and plan a retrofit to save you money. We will then install the measures free of charge.



*The Energy Efficiency Assistance Program for Houses is a pilot program of the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and participating local utilities available in selected communities in Ontario in 2007.*

*Green Communities Canada is a national association of local non-profit organizations that deliver environmental programs and services.*

[www.greencommunitiescanada.org](http://www.greencommunitiescanada.org)

*Green Communities member organizations are delivering the program for the OPA.*

**For more information please call the Green Community office in your region:**

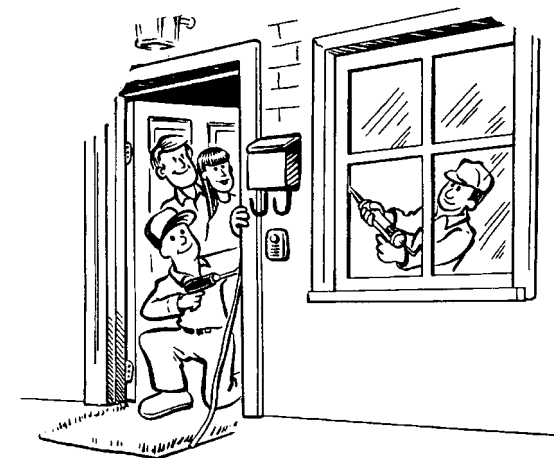


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## Save Money on your electricity bills!



## Energy Efficiency Assistance Program for Houses

**This is a FREE service for  
income-eligible households  
See eligibility guidelines below**

### Are you eligible?

#### Requirements:

1. You pay your own electricity bill
2. You live in a house
3. Your household benefits from one of the following programs:\*
  - Ontario Works
  - Ontario Disability Support Program
  - Guaranteed Income Supplement
  - Allowance for seniors
  - Allowance for the Survivor
  - National Child Benefit Supplement

or

your total adult household income does not exceed the following limits:

Household Size	Maximum Gross Annual Income
1	\$32,000
2	\$34,500
3	\$37,000
4	\$39,500
5	\$42,000
6	\$44,500

Add \$2,500 per additional occupant.

*Priority is given to those with electric heat.*

Only a limited number of households heated with other fuels can be served, and only with improvements that save electricity.

\* Participating will not affect your benefits.

### The Steps:

#### 1. The Application

The first step is to complete the enclosed application and send it to us. We will work with you to confirm your eligibility. If you need help completing the application, please call— we are here to help!

The application process usually takes a few weeks, but will take longer if the application is not filled out completely. Please remember that this is not an emergency service and that our process does take some time.

#### 2. The Energy Audit

Once your application has been processed, an audit date will be scheduled. One of our professional energy advisors will spend about 3 hours in your home reviewing with you how your family uses energy, evaluating insulation levels, checking for drafts, and analyzing the efficiency of certain appliances and lighting. Some minor installations will be made on-the-spot such as upgrading light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs. Back at our office the advisor will review the information collected during the visit and determine the most appropriate energy improvements for you.



If you rent, we will contact the landlord to obtain permission to make the improvements.

#### 3. The Work

We will schedule a time for our trained crews and contractors to install the efficiency measures recommended by the advisor. Typically, these improvements include adding insulation, draftproofing in certain areas, and replacing inefficient refrigerators. The work usually takes 1 - 2 days.



#### 4. The follow-up

We will usually schedule a brief return visit with you to ensure that all recommended improvements were installed and that you are satisfied with the work.

#### 5. The Savings

Soon after we complete the work you should see a reduction in your electric bills!