

## **What is the Energy Efficiency Assistance Program for Houses?**

The service is sponsored by the Ontario Power Authority and delivered by Green Communities Canada, an association of community-based organizations, in selected communities in Ontario. It provides free energy audits and electricity saving upgrades in houses where occupants are income-eligible.

The program is about saving electricity, since reducing electricity use is a lower cost alternative to building new power plants and transmission lines.

The organizations delivering the program are industry-leading experts in building science based energy diagnostics, and have been providing energy efficiency services in Ontario for over 15 years.

Properties treated by the program are more comfortable, more energy efficient, and in better structural condition than they were prior to work.



*REAL/Lanark & Leeds Green Community is a member of Green Communities Canada, a national association of local non-profit organizations delivering environmental programs and services.*

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*A service of REAL / Lanark & Leeds Green  
Community*

Delivering energy efficiency services to  
income-eligible Ontarians

## **Information for Landlords**



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## How can the service benefit you?

The program helps income-qualified renters lower their electricity bills. If your tenant(s) qualifies, we can make energy efficiency improvements at no cost to you.

- **End complaint calls** for comfort problems
- **Lower turnover** with more affordable bills for the tenants
- **Cut ice dams**, roof leaks, rot, paint failure, and moisture problems
- **Replace your old, inefficient refrigerator** with a new energy efficient unit
- **Improve your property** using significant incentives from a number of sources

**Our goal is to bring you a great service at no charge.**

## How it works

- **Application** from tenants. We need at least 50% of a building's units to qualify. Tenants must pay their own electricity bill. Priority is given to houses with electric heat. Only a limited number of households heated with other fuels can be served, and only with improvements that save electricity.
- **Energy audit** conducted by our Certified Energy Advisor. We will spend several hours evaluating insulation levels, checking for drafts and analyzing the efficiency of lighting and some appliances. Some small measures may be provided during the audit, such as replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- **The work.** Our trained crews and contractors will carry out the work and make any applicable deliveries. In most cases our advisor will then return to verify that the work was completed as planned.

## Your role

The program pays for the analysis and the costs of the work.

Requirements of the landlord:

- **If you sell** — If you sell within 3 years, you must repay a pro-rated portion of the program's investment in the house.
- **Participation** — If the house has more than one unit and not all households qualify, we may propose a cost-sharing arrangement with you for the work being done to the building.

## What we Don't do

The program's goals are on long-term electricity savings. We cannot invest in health and safety repairs or non-energy related improvements. Also, we don't provide emergency services. The program is for privately-owned houses, not larger multi-unit buildings.