

January 2024

Home Energy Assessments Availability

If you are inquiring about a having an energy assessment done to qualify for the Home Efficiency Rebate + program, please see below:

I am not booking appointments for the initial energy audit at this time. It was just announced that the Greener Homes/ HER+ program is going to stop accepting initial energy audits so that all current participants will be able to receive rebate incentives for the upgrades and renovations completed. This is very unfortunate because there is still a huge number of homes that are very energy inefficient and could use incentives to motivate owners to retrofit their homes, save money and reduce their carbon footprint.

The program may re-start or become another energy efficiency program. If you can wait to do the retrofits I can put you on a call list and will get back to you as soon as I can.

If you are concerned about the possible end of the Greener Homes/Home Efficiency Rebate program, here is a link where you can express your opinion.

<https://act.newmode.net/action/energuide-service-organizations-canada/act-now-0>

Here is an article about this issue:

<https://www.theenergymix.com/low-funding-fewer-deep-retrofits-limit-gains-from-canada-greener-homes-program/>

There is also an interest free loan up to \$40,000 available from CMHC if you have an ENERGUIDE energy audit. More information can be found here:

<https://www.cghli.ca/home>

You should know that any renovations or upgrades done before the energy audit will not count for incentive grants in this or a future program.

Besides incentive grants to motivate you to do upgrades, the energy audit gives you lots of information about your house and which upgrades will save the most energy. I can also give you advice on comfort issues, air quality, ventilation and the best ways to accomplish renovations and upgrades. The very comprehensive report I prepare after the onsite part of the assessment is a great decision making tool so that you don't waste time and money doing renovations and upgrades that are ineffective. We don't have any relationship with contractors or suppliers so we have no conflict of interest and we just want to help you make your home more energy efficient, comfortable and healthy.

Thank you,

Alan Leonard
NRCan Registered Energy Advisor
Rideau Environmental Action League
Realaction.ca