



Home Energy Efficiency Grant

PROGRAM GUIDE

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Homeowners have a critical role to play in reducing St. Albert's greenhouse gas emissions. Luckily, making energy efficiency upgrades to your home is not only good for the environment, but also for the economy and your well-being.

St. Albert's Home Energy Efficiency Grant provides financial incentives to St. Albert homeowners who invest in improving the energy efficiency of their homes. These actions result in energy savings and help make energy efficiency more visible through homeowner participation.

Participating homeowners will gain valuable insight into energy efficiency opportunities in their home through an EnerGuide home energy evaluation. This tool helps homeowners make renovation decisions informed by the advice of a professional energy advisor. As homeowners complete the recommended home energy efficiency upgrades, they will be qualified to receive a grant to cover a portion of the upgrade costs.

Participants will also be encouraged to have a post-retrofit EnerGuide home energy evaluation completed that recognizes and quantifies energy efficiency improvements and helps ensure renovations result in energy savings as expected. A post-retrofit EnerGuide home energy evaluation will be required for air sealing upgrades.

HOMEOWNER ELIGIBILITY

Participation in St. Albert's Home Energy Efficiency Grant is available to owners of residential homes located within the City of St. Albert municipal boundaries.

Eligible homes meet the following criteria:

- Low-rise residential property, i.e., detached, or semi-detached home; row housing or town house; or
- Multi-unit residential building with three stories or fewer, not more than 600m² in building area; and
- Considered an existing home at least six months following the date of first occupancy as defined by NRCan standards; and
- Occupied (by homeowner, or tenant) year-round.

Participation in St. Albert's Home Energy Efficiency Grant requires a recent home energy assessment known as a version 15 (v15) EnerGuide Home Energy Evaluation conducted by a qualified energy advisor. Participants who have received a v15 EnerGuide Home Energy Evaluation prior to the launch of the program and have not completed any energy efficiency upgrades to their property are eligible for energy efficiency grant.

Eligibility Period

EnerGuide Home Energy Evaluations conducted on or after April 1, 2020, can be used to enroll in the grant.

Home energy efficiency upgrades must be completed, and applications submitted, after the program launch date and within six-months of participant's acceptance (enrollment approval date) or by the program end date of December 31, 2025, whichever happens first. For details, please see the [Program Terms & Conditions](#).

GRANT AMOUNTS & ELIGIBILITY

Products and Grant Levels

If a home meets all eligibility criteria as outlined in the Program Terms & Conditions, then the homeowner is eligible for grants for their home energy retrofits. For a full list of eligible items, see the [Eligible Products & Services List](#).

Grant Categories

Rebates are available for the following categories:

- Insulation upgrades
- Air sealing improvements
- Window upgrades
- Water heating upgrades, including drain water heat recovery and efficient water heating
- Space heating upgrades, including HRVs, smart thermostats, air source heat pumps and high efficiency furnaces

For product-specific eligibility and documentation requirements, please see the [Eligible Products & Services List](#). Participants with unexpected water or space heating equipment failures may still be eligible for grants, please see the [program FAQ's](#) for details on emergency heat replacement.

Grant Maximums

Homeowners are eligible for a maximum rebate amount of 50 per cent of the total cost paid for each eligible upgrade - which includes materials, equipment, and installation. Rebate amounts will still be calculated based on the \$ per unit amounts identified within the Eligible Products & Services List, up to a maximum of 50 per cent of the homeowner's investment.

For example, if a participant pays \$1000.00 to purchase/install Exterior Wall Insulation (850 Sq. Feet) then they will only receive a \$500.00 grant. The \$ per unit grant amount listed in the Eligible Products & Services List is \$0.66, which would total \$561 ($\0.66×850) but the 50 per cent grant maximum must be applied.

All upgrades in the Eligible Products & Services List will be subject to the 50 per cent rebate maximum except for air sealing.

Stacking Grants & Rebates

Homeowners are encouraged to take advantage of all rebate and grant programs available to support their journey. If a participant has received, or may receive, funding from other sources that relate to their program application, they will need to disclose this to the Program Administrator.

For example, if the participant intends to apply for window rebates to the Canada Greener Homes Grant and are also applying for the Home Energy Efficiency Grant for the same window, this should be disclosed in the application.

See the [Program Terms & Conditions](#) for further details and limitations regarding stacking rebates.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participation in St. Albert's Home Energy Efficiency Grant is a multi-step process whereby homeowners engage with the program multiple times during their retrofit journey.

Planning

When planning your energy retrofits, consider the recommendations from the energy advisor who completed your EnerGuide home energy evaluation. The renovation upgrade report they provided will be especially helpful, the tool is a roadmap for making your home more energy efficient.

If you're hiring a professional contractor to complete your upgrades, it is recommended that you seek quotes/advice from multiple contractors and ask lots of questions when making your investment decisions. Also, make sure your chosen contractor is familiar with St. Albert's Home Energy Efficiency Grant and the Eligible Products & Services List to ensure the equipment being installed qualifies for the rebate. You can also ask them to collect and share the required documents and photos with you to support your rebate application.

It is strongly recommended that homeowners and contractors review program details, product eligibility and program terms and conditions before starting energy retrofit project(s).

PARTICIPANT JOURNEY

Follow these steps



1 COMPLETE YOUR ENERGUIDE HOME ENERGY EVALUATION

- If you already have a version 15 EnerGuide Evaluation for your home (on or after April 1, 2020), continue to Step 2.
- If you do not have an EnerGuide Energy Evaluation, choose an [energy advisor](#) and schedule your Home Energy Evaluation.
- It is recommended to get quotes from two to three companies as rates may vary.

- Your energy advisor will assess your home from top to bottom and work with you to determine which energy efficiency upgrades work best for your home.

2 ENROLL WITH YOUR ENERGUIDE ENERGY EVALUATION

- Complete the Enrollment form to enroll your home in St Albert's Home Energy Efficiency Grant.
- Enrollment requires that you agree with the [Program Terms & Conditions](#).

3 UPGRADE YOUR HOME

- Learn about the energy systems in your home, research the recommendations from your EnerGuide report and plan your energy retrofits.
- When making plans, be sure to reference the [Eligible Products and Services List](#) to confirm equipment eligibility. If hiring a contractor, ensure that the products they choose meet eligibility criteria.
- Learn what supporting documentation will be required and (if applicable) confirm that your contractor can help provide these for you.
- Hire a contractor or complete upgrades yourself (if eligible for DIY) indicated in the [Eligible Upgrade and Products List](#). It is recommended that you get multiple quotes, retain all receipts, and collect necessary photos/documentation.

4 APPLY FOR YOUR GRANT(S)

- Submit your energy retrofits through the Grant application form.
- Please note, you will need your EnerGuide file number in addition to detailed documentation of your energy efficiency upgrades to complete the application form. See the [Eligible Products & Services List](#) for details.

- **Once all renovations are complete, you are encouraged to call your energy advisor for a post-retrofit EnerGuide Home Energy Evaluation. This will update your EnerGuide label to reflect your home upgrades.**
- **A post-retrofit EnerGuide home energy evaluation will be required for air sealing upgrades.**

What to expect next

Notwithstanding any other term or condition contained herein, the City shall only be obligated to pay a grant once the participant's program application has been approved and the participant has complied with all the applicable program requirements.

All grant proceeds will be in Canadian dollars, paid by cheque, to the participant, and mailed to the participant at the recorded mail address on the application, as may be subsequently updated by the participant.

Incomplete applications may be declined, and the homeowner will be notified by email of the reason, and what is needed to complete the application.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES LIST

Category	Eligible Product and/or Service	Product ID	Eligibility Requirements	Documentation Requirements	Grant Amount
Insulation	Attic Insulation	HEEG0201	Increase a minimum of 20% of the total ceiling area to at least R-50 for attic spaces, or R-28 for flat or cathedral ceilings (nominal). Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of insulated area • Photo showing measurement of insulation 	\$0.66 per sq-ft to a maximum of \$600 per home
	Exterior Wall Insulation	HEEG0202	Increase a minimum of 20% of the total exterior wall area to a minimum of R-21 (nominal). Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of insulated area • Photo showing measurement of insulation 	\$0.86 per sq-ft to a maximum of \$600 per home
	Foundation Wall Insulation	HEEG0203	Increase a minimum of 20% of foundation level wall area (concrete/ stone and/or wood frame constructed pony walls) by a minimum of R-12 (nominal). Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of insulated area • Photo showing measurement of insulation 	\$1.05 per sq-ft to a maximum of \$600 per home

Category	Eligible Product and/or Service	Product ID	Eligibility Requirements	Documentation Requirements	Grant Amount
Air Sealing	Air Sealing - Standard	HEEG0301	Improve the air tightness of your home to achieve an improvement in the ACH @ +/- 50Pa of 15% to 24.99%. Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validation provided through post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation 	\$180 per home
	Air Sealing – Advanced	HEEG0302	Improve the air tightness of your home to achieve an improvement in the ACH @ +/- 50Pa of 25% or greater. Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validation provided through post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation 	\$400 per home
Windows	ENERGY STAR Replacement Window	HEEG0401	Replace a window in a pre-existing rough opening with an ENERGY STAR certified, triple-pane window. Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of purchase Photo(s) of installed windows Photo of ENERGY STAR label 	\$50 per rough opening

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Water Heating	Drain Water Heat Recovery	HEEG0501	Install a new device which satisfies CSA B55.1 and CSA B55.2 and is listed within NRCan's Hot2000 residential energy modeling software with a minimum heat recovery rate of 30%. Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of installed device 	\$150 per unit
	ENERGY STAR Gas Tankless Water Heater	HEEG0502	Replace the primary domestic hot water heating appliance with an ENERGY STAR gas, tankless appliance, with a minimum EF of .90.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of installed device 	\$350 per unit
	ENERGY STAR Gas Storage Water Heater	HEEG0503	Replace the primary domestic hot water heating appliance with an ENERGY STAR gas storage appliance, with a minimum EF of .80.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of device placard showing model with serial number 	\$100 per unit

Category	Eligible Product and/or Service	Product ID	Eligibility Requirements	Documentation Requirements	Grant Amount
	ENERGY STAR Heat Pump Water Heater	HEEG0504	Replace the primary domestic hot water heating appliance with an ENERGY STAR electric heat pump appliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of device placard showing model with serial number 	\$350 per unit
Space Heating	ENERGY STAR High Efficiency Furnace	HEEG0601	Replace space heating appliance(s) with a furnace that is ENERGY STAR certified and has an AFUE of 97% or higher.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of installed device • Photo of device placard with serial number 	\$200 per home
	HVI Certified Heat Recovery Ventilator / Energy Recovery Ventilator	HEEG0602	Install or replace HRV/ERV which is certified by the Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) and listed in Section 3 of their Certified Products Directory. If replacing, the efficiency of the new unit must be higher than the replaced unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of installed device • Photo of device placard with serial number 	\$245 per home

ENERGY STAR Smart Thermostat	HEEG0603	ENERGY STAR learning thermostats with geofencing. Eligible for DIY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of installed device • Photo of device placard with serial number 	\$35 per unit
ENERGY STAR Air Source Heat Pump	HEEG0604	<p>Have an ENERGY STAR air source heat pump installed by an appropriately licensed technician where the rated heating capacity is sufficient to satisfy at least 50% of the homes heating load based on the EnerGuide evaluation used to enroll in HEEG.</p> <p>The system must be installed by a licensed technician and intended as a primary heating system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of purchase • Photo of installed device • Photo of device placard with serial number • AHRI Reference Number • Eligible ENERGY STAR Air Source Heat Pump must be completed on or after April 1, 2023 	\$200 per ton up to \$800 per Home

GRANT CALCULATION EXAMPLES

Example 1 – 50% Grant Maximum

ENERGY RETROFIT COMPLETED	COST OF INSULATION PROJECT	REBATE CALCULATION	MAXIMUM REBATE	NOTES
Pre-Retrofit EnerGuide Evaluation	\$0	\$0	\$0	Homeowner enrolls and energy advisor completes registration
Exterior Wall Insulation of R30 over 850 sq-ft	\$1,200	$\$0.86 \times 850 = \731	$\$1,200 \times 0.50 = \600	Rebate Amount adjusted to 50% of Homeowner Investment

Example 2 – Air Sealing

ENERGY RETROFIT COMPLETED	COST OF INSULATION PROJECT	REBATE CALCULATION	MAXIMUM REBATE	NOTES
Pre-Retrofit EnerGuide Evaluation	\$0	\$0	\$0	Homeowner enrolls and energy advisor completes registration
Air Sealing – Standard Improved Air Tightness by 16% and Provided Post Retrofit Evaluation	\$250	\$180 per home	\$180	Post-Retrofit Evaluation Completed This measure is not impacted by the 50% cost of the Job cap.

Example 3 – Multiple Upgrades

ENERGY RETROFIT COMPLETED	REBATE CALCULATION	CUMMULATIVE REBATE	NOTES
Pre-Retrofit EnerGuide Evaluation	\$0	\$0	Homeowner enrolls and energy advisor completes registration
Attic Insulation to R-60 over 1000 sq-ft	$\$0.66 \times 1000 = \660	\$600	Maximum rebate per Home \$600
ENERGY STAR triple pane windows (10)	$\$50 \times 10 = \500	\$1,100	
ENERGY STAR furnace, AFUE $\geq 97\%$	\$200	\$1,300	
	Total Rebate Amount	\$1,300	

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