

You can save up to **40%** on energy costs

by improving your home's insulation and heating system, using a Certified Home Performance Contractor.

1-877-NY-SMART

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To qualify for participation in the New York Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program, utility customers installing the eligible energy-efficiency improvements and/or renewable technologies must be in one of the following New York State territories: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., Consolidated Edison of New York, Inc., New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, National Grid (formerly Niagara Mohawk), Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., or Long Island Power Authority. NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation established by law in 1975, administers the System Benefits Charge (SBC) funds and programs under an agreement with the Public Service Commission.

New York Energy Smart™ programs are designed to lower electricity costs by encouraging energy efficiency as the State's electric utilities move to competition. The programs are available to electric distribution customers (residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial) who pay into the SBC.

ENERGY STAR® is the national symbol for energy efficiency developed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help consumers identify products and services that meet high standards for energy efficiency, reduce energy costs, and protect the environment.

Lower the **HIGH COST** of heating and cooling your home



NEW YORK ENERGY SMART™ PROGRAM
BUILDING PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Financing Options

OPTION 1

ENERGY STAR® Financing

Low-interest, unsecured loan, for 1-to-2-family, owner occupied homes.

- Up to \$20,000 loan limit
- 3, 5, 7, or 10-year term
- 24-hour approval
- Ask your contractor for current rate
- Work must be performed through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program

OPTION 2

New York Energy SmartSM Loan Fund

Low-interest loans offered through local, participating lenders

- Current interest rates are bought down by 4%
- Maximum loan term of 10 years
- Any 1-4-family home is eligible
- Work must be performed through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program

OPTION 3

Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Work Scope Incentive

Available to income-qualified homeowners, as part of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® commitment to making energy efficiency affordable to all New Yorkers.

- Can be combined with option 1 or 2
- \$5,000 (maximum) available for single-family homes
- \$10,000 (maximum) available for 2-4-family homes
- Work Scope Incentive is paid directly to the contractor
- Work must be performed through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program

OPTION 4

Homeowner Financing Incentive

Available to homeowners who choose not to use program financing options 1,2, or 3.

- Homeowner receives a cash incentive of up to 10% of the workscope (eligible measures only)
- Incentive paid directly to homeowner by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
- Any 1-4-family home is eligible
- Work must be performed through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program

Save Energy! Save Money!

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® can help you lower your energy bills **AND** make your home safer and more comfortable!



All contractors who participate in Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® are required to be BPI-certified.



A blower door test is used to measure air leakage and trace air flow.



Financing options make energy efficiency upgrades very affordable.

With a priority on health and safety, a participating Building Performance Institute (BPI)-certified contractor performs a Comprehensive Home Assessment.

BPI certification is your assurance that you are receiving services from some of the best trained contractors available. BPI is a national resource whose mission is to enhance the health, safety, comfort, durability, and energy efficiency of residential buildings by providing skills verification and promoting best-practices by the building trades.

The BPI-certified contractors use the latest in technology to look at the performance of your home with respect to health, safety, and energy efficiency.



For more information, call:
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and select
"Home Performance with ENERGY STAR™"

Or visit our website:

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The Comprehensive Home Assessment

What is it?

The **Comprehensive Home Assessment** has two phases. The first phase consists of the contractor taking inventory of, and reporting on, the current conditions in your home, including the following:

- Health and safety (Carbon Monoxide levels/Moisture problems)
- Air infiltration rates
- Insulation levels
- Domestic hot water system
- Heating system efficiency
- Cooling system/central air conditioning efficiency - if applicable
- Distribution system (ductwork) - if applicable
- Lighting
- Major appliances

The second phase consists of the participating BPI-certified contractor developing a workscope for proposed improvements, including a cost and energy savings estimate.

How is it done?

Participating contractors use a number of diagnostic tools during the first phase of your **Comprehensive Home Assessment**. Some of the tools the contractor will use are:

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) Analyzer: Important Health and Safety tool
- Blower Door: Measures the air tightness of a home and aids in identifying areas where air leakage is occurring.
- Duct Blaster: Measures how 'leaky' the ductwork is in a home (This tool would only be used in a home that has a forced air heating system and/or central air conditioning).

To receive a free information packet that includes a list of participating BPI-certified contractors in your area, call 1-877-NY-SMART.