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# Sustainable Housing Webinar Series

The EnerGuide Rating and current grants, rebates and funding opportunities

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# Introduction to the EnerGuide Rating System

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# Topics:

- How to find energy Savings: EnerGuide Rating System
- What funding and grants are available
- Review recent Deep Energy Retrofits and Net Zero Renovations



#### EnerGuide

• An EnerGuide home evaluation is a national system designed to help homeowners increase the energy efficiency and comfort of their homes.

- Administered by Natural Recourses Canada
- Delivered by licensed Service Originations
- Conducted by registered Energy Advisors



## The EnerGuide Rating System

#### Onsite testing by an Energy Advisor

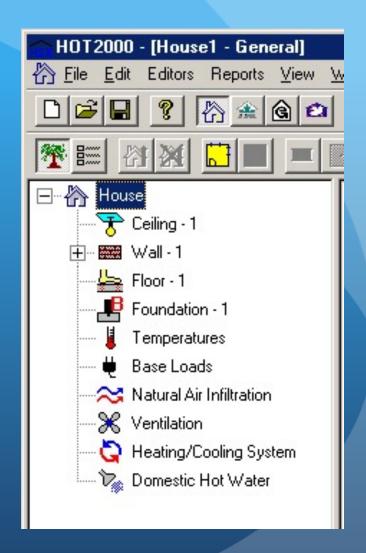
- An energy advisor will come to the home to evaluate the energy performance from the basement to the attic.
- Including:
  - Measurements and photos
  - An air tightness test.
  - Depressurization Risk Check
  - Vermiculite Insulation Check





#### **Energy Modeling**

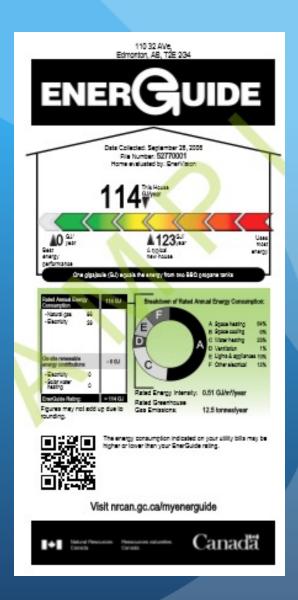
• An EnerGuide home evaluation uses detailed energy simulation (modeling) software to provide information about the home's energy performance. Full colour reports provide user friendly details on energy consumption and energy loss for each home.





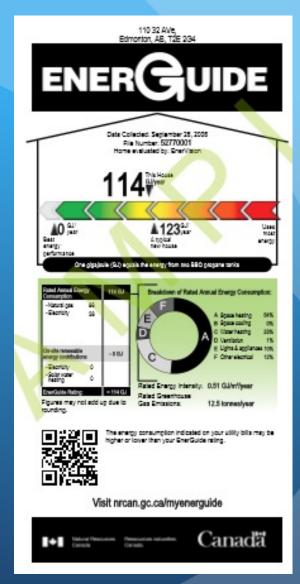
#### EnerGuide rating and home label

- An EnerGuide rating demonstrates the energy performance of the home:
  - Proof of the energy rating
  - Record of energy efficiency



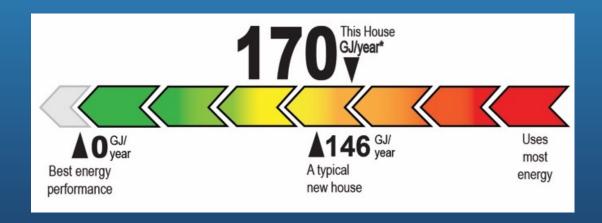


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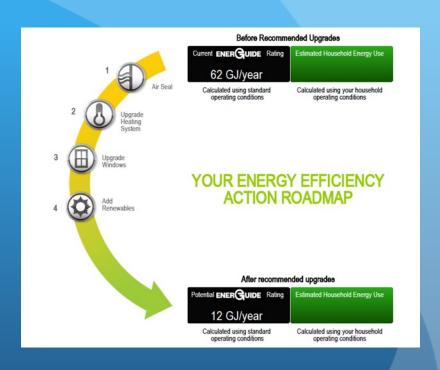


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- Quantifies energy savings by a third party, government program.

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#### HOMEOWNER INFORMATION SHEET

#### HOW YOUR RATING IS CALCULATED:

#### Rated annual energy consumption

Your EnerGuide\* rating and this report are based on data collected and, where necessary presumed, from your home evaluation. Rating calculations are made using standard operating conditions.

II. Minus renewable energy contribution - 0 GJ/year Equals your EnerGuide rating

I. Your rated annual energy consumption is the total amount of energy your house would use in a year based on the EnerGuide Rating System standard operating conditions. For your house, this includes 39.08 GJ of passive solar gain.

Energy Sources	Rated Consumption (GJ/year)	Equivalent Units (per year)	Greenhouse Gas Emissions (tonnes/year)
Natural gas	96	2589.4 m <sup>3</sup>	5.0
Electricity	27	7559.2 kWh	7.9
Total	124		12.9

II. On-site renewable power generation systems can offset some or even all of your home's energy consumption. Renewable energy contributions are factored differently for your rating and your greenhouse gas emissions calculations.

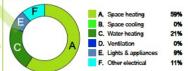
	On-Site Renewable Energy	Estimated Contribution (GJ/year)	Equivalent Units (per year)	Offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions (tonnes/year)
4	Electricity	0	0 KWh	0.0
	Solar water heating	0	0	0.0
П	Total	0		0.0

#### YOUR RATED GREENHOUSE GAS **EMISSIONS CALCULATION**

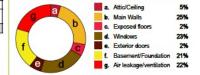
12.9 tonnes/year Total greenhouse gas emissions Minus emissions offset by on-site renewabl - 0.0 tonnes/year = 12.9 tonnes/year Equals your rated greenhouse gas

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The chart below represents the breakdown of rated annual energ consumption in your home under standard operating conditions. You can use these figures as a guide to help identify where you can lower home energy costs through proper home maintenance, efficient home operation, energy efficiency renovations or



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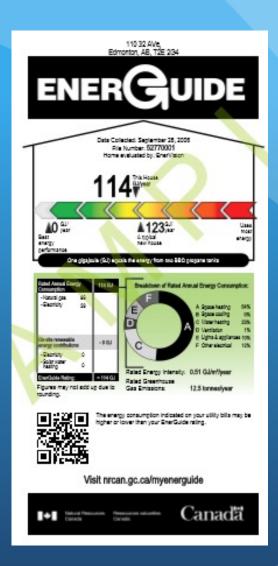
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• First, know your energy efficiency





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- Then where energy is wasted

#### HOW YOUR RATED ENERGY IS USED: The chart below represents the breakdown of rated annual energy consumption in your home under standard operating conditions. You can use these figures as a guide to help identify where you can lower home energy costs through proper home maintenance, efficient home operation, energy efficiency renovations or equipment replacement. A. Space heating B. Space cooling C. Water heating 21% D. Ventilation E. Lights & appliances F. Other electrical 11% WHERE YOUR HOME LOSES HEAT: Houses lose heat through their exterior shell, or building envelope. The chart below shows where and how your home loses heat. The quality and upkeep of your home can have a major impact on the amount of energy your heating and cooling systems use annually. a. Attic/Ceiling b. Main Walls 2% c. Exposed floors d. Windows 23% e. Exterior doors f. Basement/Foundation 21% q. Air leakage/ventilation 22% \*EnerGuide is an official mark of Natural Resources Canada. Refer to the glossary section for an explanation of relevant terms.



- Energy Literacy is Key
  - First, know your energy efficiency
  - Then where energy is wasted
  - Then where is can best by saved

#### Before Recommended Upgrades



Current ENER GUIDE Rating

Estimated Household Energy Use

Calculated using standard operating conditions

62 GJ/year

Calculated using your household operating conditions

#### YOUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION ROADMAP

#### RECOMMENDED UPGRADES AND RESULTS

RE	ECOMMENDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES	RATING REDUCTIONS <sup>A</sup> (GJ/year)	ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS^ (GJ/year)
То	tal reductions for all recommended upgrades	50	
1.	Air Seal	7 <sup>8</sup>	
•	Improve the airtightness of your home by 10% to achieve an air changes per hour rate of 3.213 at 50 pascals.		
2.	Upgrade Heating System	6	
	Install a new electric furnace.		
•	Secondary: Install a new air-source heat pump that has a heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF) of 9.		
3.	Upgrade Windows	3	
•	Replace 8 window(s)/skylight(s) with units that are more energy efficient.		
4.	Add Renewables	28	
	Install a photovoltaic system designed to deliver 8026 kilowatt hours.		

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#### TABLE NOTES:

- The individual rating reductions and estimated household savings are calculated with upgrade measures undertaken in isolation. Combinations of upgrades may produce slightly different results.
- B. Because of the very house-specific results associated with air sealing, there is a broader error range for the estimated impact of this upgrade.

#### Qualifying for Funding and Grants for Renovations

- Green Homes Grant- Canada Wide
- CMHC Green Home Canada Wide
- Clean Energy Improvement Program Alberta (Edmonton, Devon, Rocky Mtn House)
- Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program Alberta
- Edmonton HERA
- Medicine Hat SMART
- Town of Banff



# Grants, Rebates and Funding Supports

	Region	Rebate	Information
Canada Green Homes Grant	Canada	Based on Activity - Max \$5000 rebate	https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-grant/23441
CMHC Green Home	Canada	Based on Performance - % rebate of insurance	https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/home-buying/mortgage-loan-insurance-for-consumers/cmhc-green-home
Clean Energy Improvement Prog.	AB Cities	Based on Activities - \$40 000 loan	https://www.myceip.ca/
Home Energy Retrofit Accelerator	Edmonton	Based on Activities - Max \$10 000 rebate	https://homes.changeforclimate.ca/
HAT Smart	Med. Hat	Mostly Subscribed - Limited	https://www.medicinehat.ca/en/home- property-and-utilities/hat-smart.aspx
Town of Banff Rebate	Banff	Bases on Activities - ~ Max \$10 000 rebate	https://banff.ca/701/Residential- Environmental-Rebates



#### Notes on Rebates

- The rebates are typically designed to not cover Maintenance responsibilities of homeowners.
  - Furnace Replacement unless going to very high efficiency heat pump technology.
  - Window Replacement unless going to very high performance windows
- Most rebates are limited to the primary residence of the homeowner.
- All rebate programs current use the EnerGuide Rating system AND Receipts to confirm all eligible grants.



#### From the Green Homes Grant

#### What you have to do

and must be on the eligible models list.

If you think that you are eligible for the Greener Homes program, you must:

apply to the Canada Greener Homes Grant and walt for your application to be approved by Natural Resources
Canada
☐ complete a pre- and post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation - Residents of Quebec and Nova Scotia need to apply
directly through their provincial programs to book their EnerGuide evaluation. Residents of New Brunswick are also
encouraged to apply first through their provincial program.
☐ complete at least one retrofit that is both eligible and recommended by your energy advisor in their report.
Retrofits completed without having an evaluation completed first are not eligible.
purchase and install the correct equipment such as heat pumps and windows, which must meet eligibility criteria

provide and keep copies of all of your documents until March 31, 2028.

All products must be purchased in Canada. Online purchases are only eligible if they are ordered from an online distributor located in Canada.

Register or login to the Greener Homes program



#### From the Greener Homes Grant

#### Eligible retrofits

- ✓ Home insulation up to \$5,000
- o Attic/ceiling insulation
- o Exterior wall insulation
- Exposed floor
- o Basement/foundation insulation
- o Crawlspaces
- ✓ Air-sealing up to \$1,000
- ✓ Windows and doors each window / door is eligible for either \$125 or \$250
- ✓ Thermostats up to \$50 (must be combined with another retrofit)
- ✓ Space and water heating up to \$5,000
- Ground Source Heat Pumps
- o Air and Cold Climate Heat Pumps
- Heat Pump Water Heaters (max \$1000)
- ✓ Renewable energy up to \$5,000
- Resiliency measures up to \$1000 (must be combined with another energy efficiency retrofit)

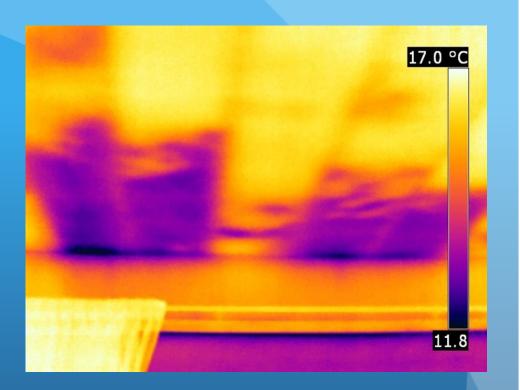
#### Ineligible retrofits

- Retrofits that were done before a pre-retrofit evaluation
- X Retrofits that were done before December 1, 2020
- X Leased or rented equipment
- × Furnaces (unless you live in a northern or off-grid community)
- × Air conditioners
- X Tankless or gas storage water heaters
- × Skylights
- Boilers (unless you live in a northern or off-grid community)
- × Roofs

See the full list of eligible grants for your home retrofits



- Replace Furnace
- Replace Hot Water Tank
- Replace Windows
- Insulate (Exterior Insulation)
- Air seal / Improve Ventilation





- Replace Furnace
  - Replace equipment BEFORE it fails!!!
  - Buy as high efficiency replacement as possible
  - "Right Size" the new equipment with a heatloss calculation, do not just replace like with like
  - New equipment will have SEALED COMBUSTION, much safer
  - Forced air system are generally also your fresh air system, assess the ventilation system and fresh air flows at replacement



- Replace Furnace
- Replace Hot Water Tank
  - New equipment should be SEALED COMBUSTION,
  - backdraft safe.
  - If also replacing furnace, can remove and seal metal chimney and combustion air supply for more air tightness and energy savings. (remember to check ventilation system and fresh air flow)
  - Instant Hotwater Systems are very energy efficient but do require more maintenance with hardwater.
  - Electric tanks are generally more expensive to operate than natural gas tanks.



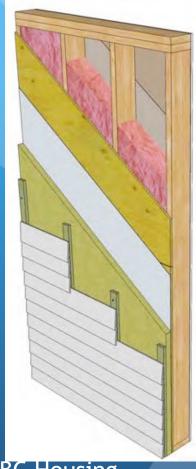


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- Replace Windows
  - Very expensive upgrade (poor payback)
  - Important for durability if windows are leaking
  - Beware of low quality un-tested "renovation windows" many do not meet Code Requirements.
  - Windows are a complex part of a house, an Energy Advisor can model various options, review for overheating risk, etc.





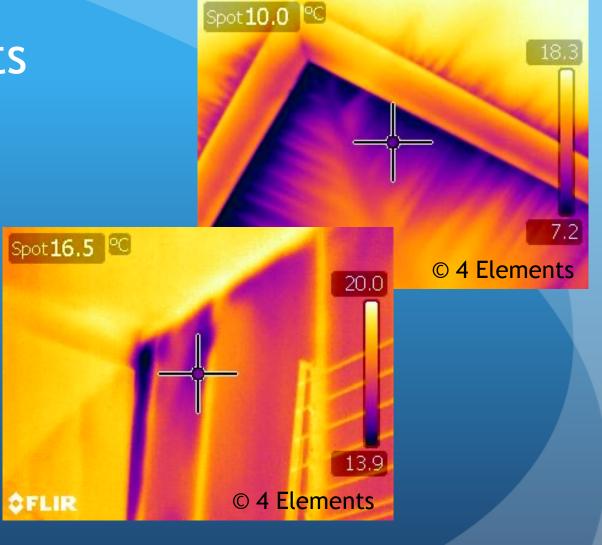
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- Insulate (Exterior Insulation)
  - No need to disturb interior or move out during renovation, typically done on the exterior
  - Most of the cost is labour, so insulate well while you're at it, <u>R10 - 20 added.</u>
  - Important to review envelope, moisture risk and prevent condensation
  - Greatly improves air tightness and comfort.



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- Replace Furnace
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- Replace Windows
- Insulate (Exterior Insulation)
- Air seal / Improve Ventilation
  - Build Tight Ventilate Right
  - Work above will result in greatly improved air tightness
  - Blower door testing will confirm the work was well done





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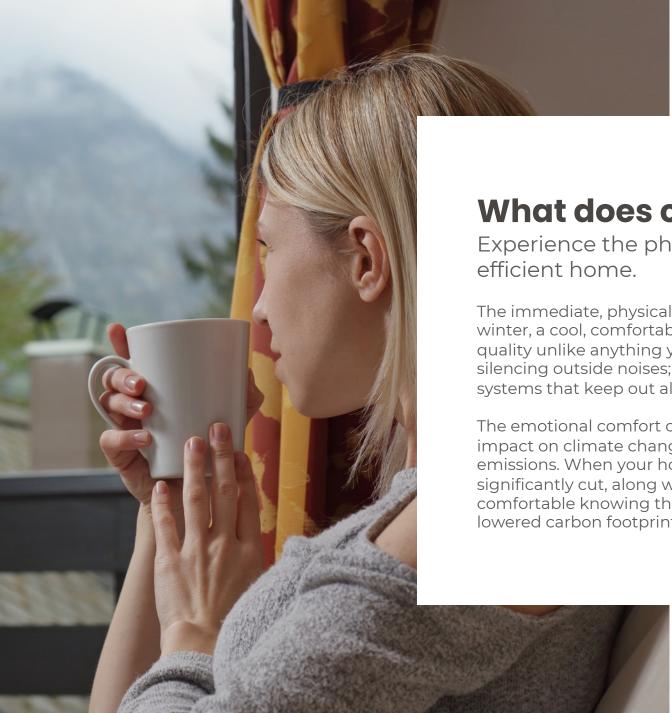












#### What does comfort mean to you?

Experience the physical & emotional comforts of an energy efficient home.

The immediate, physical comforts of a net zero home includes warm toes in the winter, a cool, comfortable bed in the summer, and a level of air and sound quality unlike anything you've experienced before. It's a quieter home, practically silencing outside noises; and it's a healthier home, with advanced filtration systems that keep out allergens & air pollution.

The emotional comfort of a net zero home is knowing that you are making an impact on climate change, as your home is no longer responsible for producing emissions. When your home is working efficiently, your energy use is significantly cut, along with your heating & cooling costs. You can be comfortable knowing that your investment will result in lowered monthly costs, lowered carbon footprint, and a significant increase in personal comfort.



# Some need Deep Energy Retrofits, some can go Net Zero



Net Zero Energy Renovations:

#### **The Ideal Candidate House Checklist**

These 9 characteristics help you and your client determine whether a house is a good candidate for a Net Zero Energy Renovation or not.

The more characteristics you can check off, the better.

When you can only check off a few characteristics, the house is better suited to a different approach to renovating for energy conservation.

#### If a house meets most of the checklist, assess:

- The performance of the house
- The IAQ
- The level of mold mitigation
- Radon testing/mitigation strategy
- · Hazards: asbestos, or knob and tube wiring
- Ventilation capacity





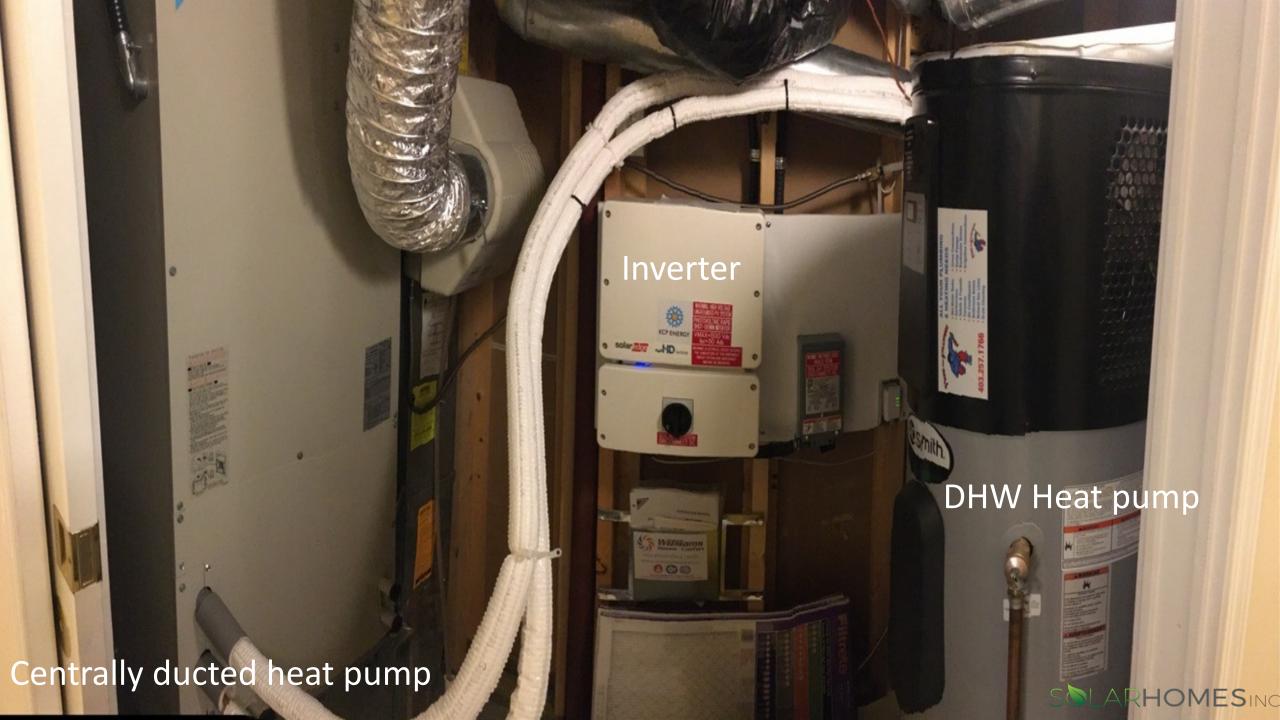




- -Glue 6" EPS to liquid applied air barrier using notched trowel method.
- -Notice notching EPS around roof trusses to ensure continuous insulation through attic space.
- -Reverse flashing at bottom of window custom fabricated





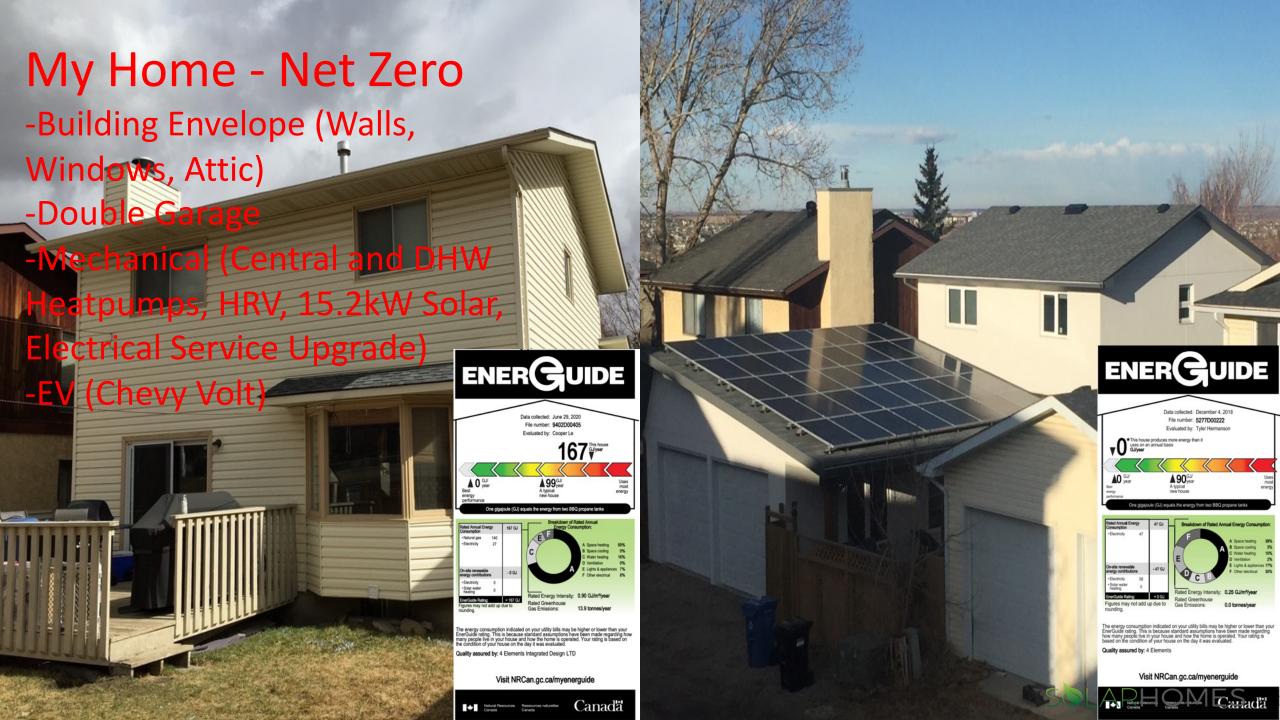












Current Rate: Fixed 25.850 cents / kWh effective for meter reads from Mar 25 2021 until Mar 01 2025 Green Offset will green 60% of your energy.

Jun 24 2021 - Jul 26 2021 Usage	e: 369 kWh
Previous Charges and Credits	
Previous Balance	-\$669.77
Payments	\$669.77
Payment Refund processed Aug 03.	\$669.77
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Charge Summary	
Energy	\$95.99
Microgen	-\$530.18
Regulated Transmission and Distribution	\$37.04
Balancing Pool Allocation	\$0.87
Municipal Fee to City of Calgary	\$8.01
Retailer Fees	\$6.15
Subtotal	-\$382.12
GST (#896454626)	-\$19.11
Total Current Charges	-\$401.23
Total Due	-\$401.23

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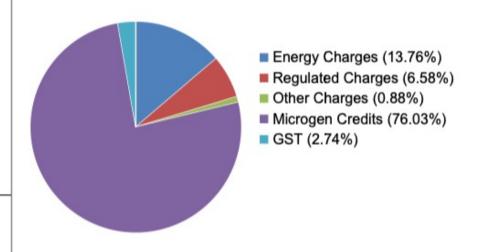
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We hope you are having a great summer, and we thank you for being a loyal customer!

Support like yours of a small, local business is very important to us as we collectively navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your support allows us to continue providing you with unparalleled customer service and custom, tailored solutions to fit your utility needs!

#### **Percent Allocation of Current Invoice Charges**



### Value of High Performance

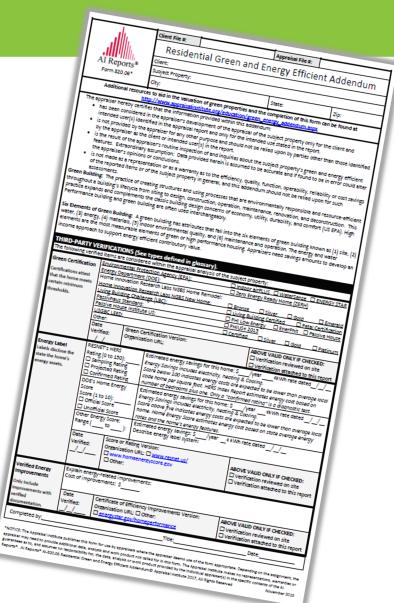
# **Calculating the Value of Net Zero Energy Renovations**

CHBA has been working with the Appraisal Institute of Canada to bring best practices from the US Appraisal Institute's Green and Energy Efficient Addendum to Canada.

Once the full approach is approved for pilot, renovation pilot participants can opt to receive prerenovation and post-renovation appraisals of their homes, noting the increased value from a Net Zero Renovation, specifically focusing on **energy cost savings.** 

#### **Example:**

\$2,000/yr utility savings → \$40,000 increased home value





#### Question & Answer Session



#### **Sustainable Housing Webinar Series**

Upcoming webinar:

 Webinar #3 The Implications with providers from highperformance homes - November 17 at 10 AM

Last webinar in series (registration to open closer to session date):

Webinar #4 High-Performance homes and Comfort

