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## Energy Savings; Take a test, get a grant

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More insulation and a programmable thermostat are just two of the energy-saving steps that could save you a lot of money over the long haul.

Only homes evaluated by Natural Resources Canada's residential energy assessment service will be eligible for an ecoEnergy Retrofit grant.

The energy assessment servicers send a licensed energy advisor to your home to compile a detailed energy evaluation using a "blower door" test to find air leaks.

After the tests, they will provide you with a printed report that shows where your energy dollars are being spent and what you can do to improve your home's energy efficiency.

You will also receive an energy efficiency rating label that shows you how energy efficient your home is compared with others in your region.

In Calgary, there are four primary certified assessment service companies:

- Ecofinity Canada Inc.
- Amerispec of Canada
- Verda Tech Energy
- ATCO Energy Sense

Does your home have comfort problems such as drafts, cold spots or frosted windows?: Find the source of these problems and get help fixing them.

Renovating or retrofitting: Energy advisors use state-of-the-art supplies and can advise on the best modern techniques and products.

Upgrading your heating and cooling system: Energy efficiency improvements can make a difference to the size of the heating and cooling system that your home needs.

Selling your house?: After you've made energy efficiency upgrades and comfort improvements to your home, the energy efficiency rating label shows potential buyers how much you improved your home's energy efficiency and how it compares to other homes in your area.

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