

*What to expect from*

# Maryland Home Performance

with ENERGY STAR®

## With Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, you can:

- Get a home energy assessment
- Get energy upgrades
- Make your home more comfortable
- Significantly reduce your energy bills
- Improve your home's indoor air quality
- Reduce your home's carbon emissions
- Hire a contractor who follows quality standards



## Step 1. Find a contractor

*Why hire a Maryland Home Performance contractor?*

The difference between Home Performance contractors and other contractors is that **your Home Performance contractor is trained to assess your whole house** to improve its energy performance, health and safety.

All are qualified through the Building Performance Institute (BPI), a national non-profit that credentials organizations and individuals.



## Step 2. Prepare for your home energy assessment

Provide a year's worth of energy bills and create a list for your contractor of the problem areas (drafty rooms, safety concerns) in your home.

### Typical job costs and timeframes

Job	Cost	Time	Factors
Energy assessment (i.e., energy audit)	\$250-\$700	1-3 hours	Home size and location; contractor; state, federal and utility incentives and rebates
Energy upgrades or improvements	\$500-\$12,000	1-5 days	Contractor; selected improvements; required materials; state, federal and utility incentives and rebates

### Step 3. Get your home energy assessment

During the energy assessment, your Maryland Home Performance contractor will inspect your entire house including your crawl space, basement and attic. Your contractor will use diagnostic equipment to test your home's energy use. Your Maryland Home Performance contractor will also test your gas or oil-fired furnace, boiler, water heater and oven, to ensure they are operating safely.

### Step 4. Receive your home's energy assessment report

Your energy assessment report will list your energy improvements in order from least to most cost-effective. Sealing air leaks and insulating your attic and floors will usually top the list for energy savings.

### Step 5. Select your energy improvements

Your Home Performance contractor will help you decide which energy upgrades to do. You can choose to do one improvement at a time such as insulating and air sealing or do everything at once.

### Step 6. Get your energy improvements done

### Step 7. Get your home's final energy assessment

Your contractor is trained to do a "test-out" to verify that the energy improvements and health and safety checks were done successfully.

### Step 8. Tell your friends, family and neighbors about your energy savings and improved comfort!

