

DIY HOME ENERGY AUDIT

MAINTAIN APPLIANCES



A home energy audit can identify hidden leaks, reduce energy waste, and uncover safety hazards.

As the audit is completed, take notes on what's found. These observations will help prioritize the most important improvements to save money and increase comfort. Whether completing repairs yourself, or deciding to hire help, you will be aware of potential issues.

Well-maintained appliances run more efficiently and last longer which can help save money on utility bills, and appliance repair. If replacing an appliance, look for ENERGY STAR ratings and EnerGuide information to help choose the most efficient products.

Washing Machine Tips

- use a mesh laundry bag to contain clothing with underwires
- empty pockets and close zippers to protect your machine and clothes
- Remove clothes promptly and leave the door open to prevent mold
- Clean the filter regularly
- Run an empty hot cycle with vinegar to get rid of mineral build up

Clothes Dryer Tips

- clean the lint trap after every use to improve airflow and reduce fire risk
- vacuum the exhaust duct and exterior vents regularly to maintain air flow
- avoid overloading the dryer to ensure proper drying and save energy

Fridge and Freezer Tips

- vacuum off the cooling coil to help air flow
- keep door seals clean and check for damage to maintain a tight seal
- prevent ice buildup by defrosting manual-defrost freezers

Air Conditioner Tips

- replace filters and regularly vacuum the blower compartment
- lubricate the blower motor's accessible ports with electric motor oil
- clean the condensate drain line to prevent clogs



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