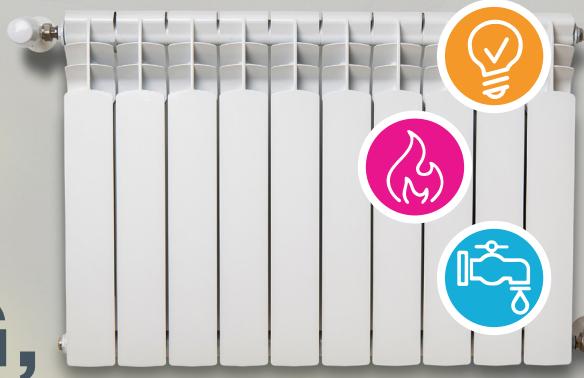


DIY HOME ENERGY AUDIT



HEATING, COOLING, AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

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.

Regular checks on furnaces, air conditioners, and water heaters improve efficiency, safety, and longevity of your appliances. Routine maintenance helps keep the temperature comfortable and reduces the risk of breakdowns.

Signs furnace or water heater maintenance may be needed:

1. unusual noises
2. inconsistent heating
3. unresponsive thermostats
4. dust buildup
5. pilot light issues



Tip: DIY Energy Audit Kits may be available to borrow from a local library.

Notes:

Furnaces

- Keep heating registers and air vents clean and free of dust or lint
- Check outdoor vents to ensure plants, snow or ice is not blocking airflow
- Check and replace filters every few months using the recommended MERV rating

Water heater/hot water tank

- Check outdoor vents to ensure plants, snow or ice is not blocking airflow
- Insulate pipes connected to water heaters to reduce heat loss and improve efficiency



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