



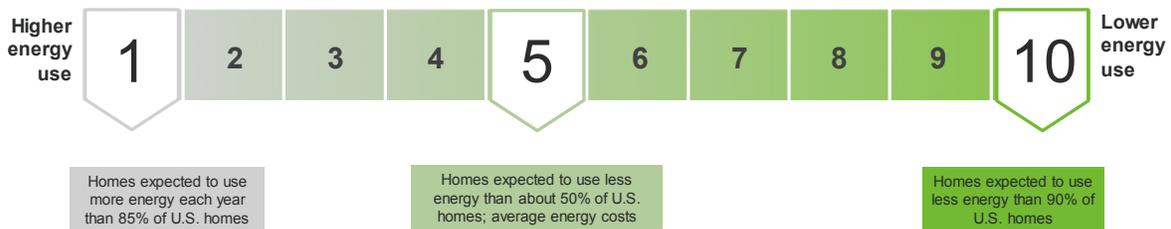
WELCOME HOME!

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The City and County of Denver is running a pilot to explore how sharing a home's [Home Energy Score](#) can drive awareness and energy savings for Denver homeowners who have recently purchased. The pilot will pay for a single-family Denver home to receive an energy Score by a qualified Home Energy Score Assessor (\$175 value). The Score provides comparable and credible information about a home's energy performance using a 10 point score to reflect how much energy the home is estimated to use in total, not per square foot.

WHY GET A HOME ENERGY SCORE?

- You fought hard to get your new home, and likely paid a premium for it. Making it affordable to live in is even more important now.
- Find out how much energy your home is expected to use and how much your energy bills are likely to be.
- Use the recommendations provided to make informed decisions about upgrades that can make your new home as affordable and comfortable as possible from day one.
- Be in control of your energy costs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the average household spends \$2,500 annually in energy costs -- higher than property taxes or homeowners insurance.



HOME ENERGY SCORE ASSESSMENT

- Takes about 1 hour to complete
- Performed by a qualified Home Energy Score Assessor
- Analyzes numerous components of a home (insulation, cooling and heating, water heating and more)
- Assumes standard operating conditions and occupant behavior so that homes can be easily compared

CONTACT:

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HOW TO GET A SCORE

1. Submit a request online at [Denvergov.org/HomeEnergy](https://denvergov.org/HomeEnergy) or call 311
2. A Home Energy Score Assessor will contact you to schedule a day and time to visit your home and score it.
3. Your Score will be provided to you upon completion.

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FAQ'S

OUR HOUSE SCORED LOW, DID WE BUY A BAD HOME?

Just because a home scores low does not mean it is a bad home. A variety of factors including size, level of insulation and how well it's sealed affect how much energy is needed to heat and cool it. The Score gives you an estimate for how much energy the home will use. Knowing how your home scores is a great first step towards finding out what improvements are most beneficial.

HOW DOES THE SCORE DIFFER FROM AN ENERGY AUDIT?

An energy audit is a full assessment of a home using diagnostic tools, while factoring in actual energy use in the home. Xcel Energy offers a rebate and the total cost is about \$185. An energy audit can be necessary when making certain upgrades that affect the combustion air in your home (Furnace, AC, Water Heater) and a licensed professional can explain whether or not an audit should be performed. If you choose to get one, the data points collected from your Score can be combined into your audit report.

IF MY SCORE IS LOW, HOW CAN I IMPROVE IT?

Your Home Energy Score Assessor will provide you with recommendations within the report, and include available utility rebates for upgrades you can make to improve the efficiency of the home.

IF I MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, CAN I GET A NEW SCORE AT NO COST?

Please contact the City at HomeEnergy@denvergov.org or call 311 to see if funds are available to re-score.

WHY IS THE CITY DOING THIS?

Homes in Denver are a leading contributor to local greenhouse gas emissions for energy use. A Home Energy Score not only helps the City meet our evidence-based climate goals, but also helps to make buildings cost-effective and energy efficient. Helping residents understand how efficient (or inefficient) their home is can better inform the full cost of owning a home to make it cost-effective, while reducing emissions citywide.

IS ANYTHING REQUIRED OF ME IF I PARTICIPATE?

The City will follow up with you through a brief survey to obtain feedback on your participation in the pilot. Participants will receive incentives such as smart powerstrips and LED bulbs for providing feedback.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOME ENERGY SCORE?

Developed by the [U.S. Department of Energy](https://www.energy.gov) and its National Laboratories, the Home Energy Score is based on a standard assessment of a home's structure and major energy-consuming equipment to easily compare energy use across the housing market. Visit: HomeEnergyScore.gov for more info.