

CLIMATE ACTION IN VERMONT

Buildings

Overall, Vermont's housing is amongst the oldest in the country. Old homes and apartments are usually drafty and therefore costly to heat. They may also have older, less efficient heating systems. On the other hand, efficient buildings use less energy to achieve the same amount of heating or cooling—saving renters, homeowners, and businesses money.

There are many ways Vermonters can make our buildings more affordable to heat and cool, which reduces climate pollution at the same time. Actions range from simple DIY weatherstripping and caulking to full energy retrofits with high-performance insulation. We can switch to heating systems that rely on electricity, which is a cleaner, greener energy source than oil or gas. What's more, these upgrades make our homes more comfortable, healthier, and more affordable to heat and cool.

Benefits of efficient homes, apartments, and buildings

Healthier Homes

Effective insulation and good ventilation improve indoor air quality.

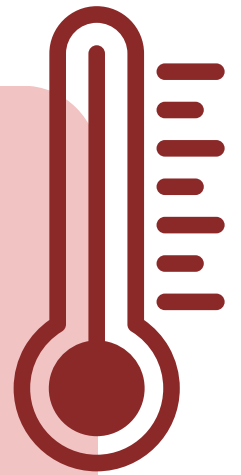
Comfortable Homes

Fewer chilly drafts in the winter and less humidity in the summer.

Money Saved

Well-insulated homes cost less to heat and cool. Running an electric heat pump costs less than heating with oil or gas.

See other side for no-cost programs and incentives to make these upgrades.



What resources are available to help me save money on heating and cooling my home?



Weatherization Assistance Program

Provides no-cost home energy audit and weatherization services (such as insulation and weather stripping) to low- and moderate-income households through 5 regional community action organizations:

- Bennington Regional Opportunity Center
- Capstone Community Action
- Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
- Northeast Employment and Training Organization
- Southeastern Vermont Community Action

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Energy Efficiency Programs

These utilities provide energy efficiency services and incentives to Vermont homeowners and businesses.

- Efficiency Vermont (for anyone in Vermont) 888-921-5990
- Burlington Electric Department (for customers) 802-865-7362
- Vermont Gas Systems (for customers) 802-863-4511

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