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# Home energy analysis program

# What is a home energy analysis?

You probably know that upgrading your heating and cooling system and adding more insulation will improve the comfort of your home. But you really need to find out where your home is inefficient before you can make improvements that will make a difference. For better results, you need an integrated "whole-house" approach that looks at your house as a system.

A home analysis is a comprehensive home examination designed to uncover existing conditions within the home that potentially cause homeowners to waste energy and absorb high energy bills.

The Energy Detective at JCE Co-op is here to provide you with several whole-house, low-cost energy analysis options tailored to your needs.

Each energy analysis is conducted by an energy consultant certified with the Building Performance Institute (BPI) as a Building Analyst and Building Envelope Professional as well as certified with FLIR® as a Level 1 Thermographer.



Photo courtesy of Shawn Saunders

# How an energy audit works

Our home energy audits involve use of a special diagnostic tool called a blower door. This device tests the air tightness of a home or building by pushing air out through its fan. Air then is pulled into the home or building through leaks, cracks and inefficient seals thus showing you where improvements in efficiency can be made.





## **Energy efficiency loans**

JCE Co-op offers a Residential Energy Efficiency Loan program, available to members who own an existing home served by the cooperative and who receives a monthly electric or natural gas bill.

Applicants must have had service with JCE Co-op for at least two years and have established a good credit history with the cooperative. To find out about our current low interest rates, please call 800-858-5522.

## **Incentives and tax credits**

JCE Co-op's incentive program is designed to help members save money while promoting energy efficiency. Incentives are available for EnergyStar appliances and efficient lighting upgrades.

Incentives may be available through other energy providers, also. Consult an energy provider's web site for more detailed information.

Federal tax credits are available for some energy efficiency upgrades to your home. Check energystar.gov and consult your tax preparer for the latest information about available tax credits.

# Home energy analysis - six easy steps



#### Request your home energy analysis.

Fill out the Request Form on the following page and return it to JCE Co-op or call The Energy Detective at 800-858-5522.

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#### Schedule your analysis.

Our qualified energy auditor will call you to schedule your energy analysis at a time that is convenient for you. Homeowners must be present during the analysis.



# Complete the analysis, and create an action plan on suggested improvements.

Your analysis will include energy saving recommendations specific to your home. From low cost no cost ideas to larger investments, you can create an action plan that fits your budget.



#### Make energy saving improvements.

(Apply for financing if necessary.)

Utilize local, qualified contractors to complete the energy efficiency improvements in your action plan.

Obtain information about financing, incentives and federal tax credits, available through your energy providers or tax preparer.



# Complete any required post-installation inspections and apply for rebates.

Once your work is completed you are ready to apply for incentives (rebates).

Be sure all post verifications and inspections are completed and visit JCE Co-op's web site, jcecoop. com, for incentive information, or call The Energy Detective at 800-858-5522.



# Save energy and money with your home's improved energy efficiency!

### **Request Form**

I am interested in:

- □ Walk-Through Energy Assessment (FREE)
- □ Whole House Energy Audit (\$300)
- □ Duct Leakage Testing (\$50)
- □ Blueprint Plan Review for IECC Compliance (\$50)
- New Home IECC Field Inspections and Mandatory Testing with Report and Certificate (\$350)

Descriptions of each home analysis are explained on the next two pages. An additional fee of \$50 is applied to each analysis for non-members of JCE Co-op.

Name:		
Street address:		
City / State / Zip:		
JCE Co-op services: 🛛 Electric 🖓 Natural Gas		
Utility account number:		
Day phone: ()		
Evening phone: ()		
Best time to contact me: 🗆 Morning 🗆 Evening	Anytime	

#### Signature and release for energy data

By signing this waiver, you're allowing JCE Co-op to provide your utility use information and Home Energy Report (if applicable) to partners with whom they have data confidentiality agreements for the purpose of completing your Home Energy Analysis, as well as for conducting program evaluation.

Signature:	
Date:	
Please return to: JCE Co-op ATTN: The Energy Detective 793 US Route 20 West P.O. Box 390	<b>Or Call</b> : 800-858-5522

Elizabeth, IL 61028



## Your home analysis options

There are several types of House Analyses provided by The Energy Detective from which you can choose:

• Walk-Through Energy Assessment ~1 hour

#### Member price: Free Non-member price: \$50

The Walk-Through Energy Assessment is a great analysis for addressing energy usage concerns within your home. It includes reviewing with you the history of your energy use; discussion of your home's history and recent energy efficiency upgrades; and a walk-through observation assessment that allows the energy advisor to gather information, point out possible energy wasters while providing guidance and information about possible upgrades that could be completed to increase the overall energy efficiency of your home.

• Whole House Energy Audit ≈4 hours

#### Member price: \$300 Non-member price: \$350

The Whole House Energy Audit includes all the features of a Walk-Through Energy Assessment. In addition, the auditor will perform an in-depth thermal envelope analysis; assess appliances, water heater and HVAC equipment; perform diagnostic testing utilizing a blower door test, infrared camera and other testing equipment; and provide a detailed written report that includes infrared photos, identifies areas of concern and lists energy-saving recommendations specific to your home.

#### Duct Leakage Testing w/ Whole House Energy Audit

#### Member price: \$50 Non-member price: \$100

HVAC duct work located outside the thermal envelope of the home should be tested to ensure a total leakage of not more than 4 cfm per 100 sq. ft. The use of a duct tester will assist in locating the joins and seams of ducts, air handlers and filter boxes where leakage is occurring and can be sealed through the use of mastic or another duct sealing material.

Air movement throughout a home is the leading cause of energy loss and temperature discomfort.



#### • Blueprint Plan Review for IECC Compliance

#### Call for pricing.

This is a review of the blueprints for your new home prior to construction to ensure all requirements of the current International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are met and in compliance with the code.

#### • New Home IECC Field Inspections and Mandatory Testing with Report and Certificate

#### Member price: \$350 Non-member price: \$400

The IECC has a mandatory requirement that new homes be tested for air leakage and duct sealing. A blower door, duct tester and infrared camera are utilized to complete testing and meet the requirement of the current IECC. A written report of results will be provided to building contractor and code official. A certificate will be made available for posting within the home.

JCE Co-op's comprehensive home energy analysis is performed to the standards of the building performance institute (bpi).

JCE Co-op certifies that these standards were applied throughout the analysis process and that the information provided within an analysis report is sound to the extent the home could be assessed. All recommendations provided to a homeowner are based on the experienced opinions of the building analyst and scientific testing.

JCE Co-op does not guarantee energy savings that could result from a home energy assessment. Nor does JCE Co-op warranty the work of contractors.

These infrared images taken during energy audits and assessments helped homeowners target energy loss in their homes. Do you know where your home is leaking energy and money?







One of these homeowners is saving money and energy with the proper amount of attic insulation.

#### Are you?



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