

Be part of **Red Hook's 10% 20% Challenge**

Get a free home energy audit; then finance the improvements on your utility bill. Make your home more comfortable!

Red Hook has joined efforts with the NYS to provide Red Hook residents with an innovative program to retrofit homes to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency.

What is the program?

1. Get an Energy Audit

Once your [application](#) is approved, you will schedule an energy audit of your dwelling with a Building Performance Institute (BPI) accredited contractor. During the audit, the contractor will perform a number of diagnostic tests, including:

Assessing the existing insulation; Conducting a blower door test to measure the amount of air leaking into and out of the home; Evaluating your home's heating cooling and hot water systems; Checking appliance and lighting efficiency; Performing a health and safety inspection

2. Review the Analysis – see the Savings and Comfort

Based on the results of the audit, the contractor will prepare and provide you with a report that contains a list of recommended improvements along with the cost of the improvements and the estimated energy and cost savings. You will have an opportunity to work with the contractor to decide which energy efficiency measures to install.

Every improvement, some simple and some complex, can result in significant energy savings. Some of the improvements that are covered under the program include:

- Insulation and air sealing
- Energy efficient lighting
- Replacement of windows, skylights, and storm doors
- Upgrades to or replacement of heating and hot water systems

3. Figure out Financing

Up to \$25,000 of improvements can be financed through a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR loan from NYSERDA at a low interest rate, as well as On-bill Recovery Loan, repaid through an installment charge on the resident's utility bill. In addition, many of the measures are eligible for rebates or other financial incentives [NYSERDA](#). You can talk to Bridgette about this when the time comes.

Follow-up

After the contractor finishes the work, he will run the diagnostic tests conducted during the energy audit again to verify that the measures are functioning correctly.

Who is eligible?



The program is open to all owners of 1 to 4 family homes. For families with an annual income below \$174,400, the audit is free. For families that earn up to \$348,000, the audit will be partially subsidized.

Ready to get started?

1. [Complete the free/reduced cost energy audit application.](#)

Before you submit the application, **we invite you to call our** Outreach Coordinator, Bridgette, 845-392-2406, bdoxsee@rupco.org **so that we can review it with you.** Since incomplete applications may be rejected, we are available to help you make sure you have answered everything and provided all the information that NYSERDA needs to get you into the program.



2. Obtain summaries of your home's energy usage over the past 12 months from your utility providers.

Grab your account # off your utility bill, then: find your electric use here : <http://tinyurl.com/centralhudsonmeter> or call 452-2700 (press 0 to speak with a representative) and they can mail you your usage (all you need is your account number). Call your fuel oil provider and they can do the same.

3. Choose a Home Performance contractors approved for work (we do not endorse them)

- RECAP, Michael Dunleavy, mdunleavy@recap.org, 845-342-3978
- Integral Building & Design, Pasquale Strocchia, pasquale@integralbuilding.com, 845 225-0418
- McClure Construction, Inc., Michelle Goedecke, contactus@mcc-i.net, 845 247-3025
- Home Energy Consultants, Inc., Ron Samuelson, hec@saveEnergyyny.com, 845-635-8302
- Kool-Temp Heating & Cooling, Michael Veeder, mveeder@kooltemp.com, 518 731-6878

Find more contractors: <http://tinyurl.com/findBPIcontractor>

3. Submit online or mail, email, or fax the application and 12-month energy usage summaries to:

Mail: GJGNY Audit
PO Box 12129
Albany, NY 12212

Fax: (866) 335-6306

Email: GJGNY-Audit@csggrp.com

What should I do with the audit results?

When the audit on your home has been completed and you have received the report from the auditor, contact us to learn more about how to get the work done on your home and what financing options are available.

If you have questions at any point in the process, please call Bridgette , 845-392-2406, bdoxsee@rupco.org