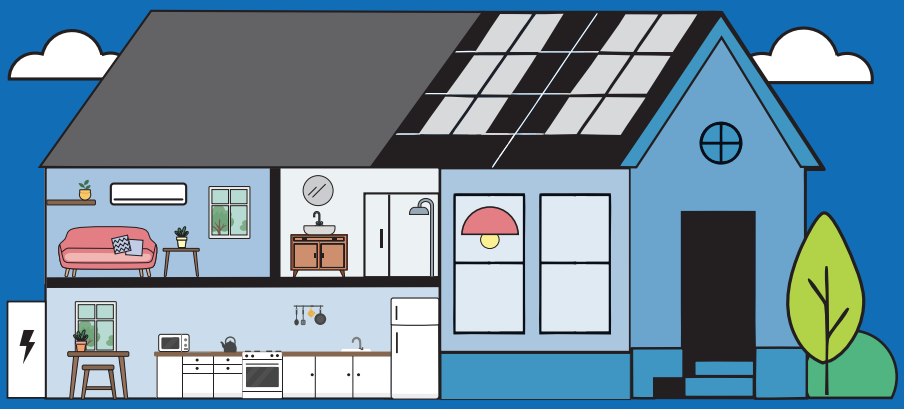
Home energy assessments

Understand your home's efficiency and make smarter energy choices





A free home energy assessment can help you understand how your home uses energy and where improvements could be made.

An experienced home energy assessor will review areas such as:

- Insulation and draughts
- Hot water systems
- Solar and battery opportunities
- Heating and cooling
- Lighting and appliances
- Household energy use and bills

Following the assessment, you will receive practical recommendations tailored to your home. These may include simple low-cost actions, as well as longer term upgrade options.

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What is a home energy assessment?

A home energy assessment is a practical review of how your home uses energy and where improvements could be made. During the assessment, an experienced assessor will look at areas such as heating and cooling, hot water, appliances, insulation, draughts, windows and shading, as well as how your household uses energy.

After the assessment, you will receive tailored recommendations to help you understand which improvements may provide the greatest benefit for your home, budget and lifestyle.

How can a home energy assessment help?

- Understand where your home may be losing energy.
- Find ways to reduce energy bills.
- Improve comfort during both summer and winter.
- Work out which upgrades should come first.
- Avoid spending money on upgrades that may not provide the best value.
- Learn about available rebates, grants and other support.
- Reduce your household's greenhouse gas emissions.



Make the most of your assessment

Before the assessment:

- Have recent electricity and gas bills available, if possible.
- Think about which rooms are difficult to keep warm or cool.
- Make a note of any draughts, condensation or other comfort issues.
- Find out approximately how old your heating, cooling and hot water systems are.
- Think about any upgrades you are already thinking about.

Questions you may want to ask your assessor:

- Which improvements should I do first?
- Which upgrades are likely to make the biggest difference to my energy bills?
- What would improve the comfort of my home the most?
- Are there simple or low-cost improvements I can make myself?
- Are there rebates or other financial support available?
- Should I improve insulation or draught proofing before replacing appliances?

A good place to start

You do not need to upgrade everything at once. A home energy assessment can help you understand your home first, so you can plan improvements in the right order and make informed decisions before investing.

For more information, visit **whittlesea.vic.gov.au/energy**

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