# How will your new home use energy?

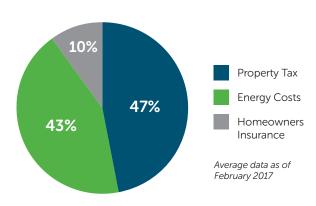
Home Energy Information



Your home is a system, and understanding how it consumes all types of energy (like electricity, wood, oil, or natural gas), can help you determine how energy-efficient it is, and how much your monthly energy bills will be.

On average, **Vermonters spend over \$3,000 on their energy bills** every year, but once you know how your home uses energy, you can tackle projects that will improve its efficiency and reduce your energy burden.

## Comparison of Average Annual Costs for a Vermont Home



## Why weatherize?

Comprehensive air sealing and insulation projects not only save money but have benefits like eliminating drafts and reducing allergens like mold—making your home more affordable, healthy, and comfortable.



#### Be More Comfortable

Making your home energyefficient will transform the way you feel inside your home and you'll find yourself doing less to keep your home cozy and warm.



#### Save Money on Energy Bills

On average, homeowners reduce their energy bills by up to 20%, which can equate to hundreds of dollars each year.



#### A Healthier You

Airborne particles cause poor air quality which can aggravate asthma, allergies, and other health problems. Controlling air leakage and updating ventilation improves the quality of the air your family breathes.



### **Energy Upgrades In Your New Home**

The first few years of living in your home are a great time to invest in energy efficiency upgrades.

Visit www.efficiencyvermont.com and you will find:

- Listings for trusted contractors and retailers
- Rebates on the purchase of efficient equipment such as appliances, heat pumps, smart thermostats, water heating systems, and more
- Rebates on air sealing and insulation projects
- DIY videos and how-to resources
- Low-interest financing options

#### **Other Resources**

Vermont Gas Systems • 802-863-4511 | www.vermontgas.com

**Burlington Electric Department** • 802-865-7342 | www.burlingtonelectric.com

**Vermont's Weatherization Program** • www.dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization

Renewable Energy Resource Center • http://www.rerc-vt.org/

