

# Residential Energy Affordability (REAP)



**450 more low-income homeowners in Nova Scotia will benefit** from energy efficient homes, increased comfort and lower energy bills through the Residential Energy Affordability Program (REAP). **More than 300 families have already received help** through this program since it was launched two years ago.

## What help does this program provide?

We provide low-income homeowners in Nova Scotia with energy efficiency upgrades to their home, at no charge to the homeowner.

We invest about \$6,000 in each home, helping homeowners reduce their annual energy bill by as much as 30 per cent.

## What kinds of upgrades are made to the home?

To improve the energy efficiency of the home, we arrange for energy upgrades that may include:

- Installing insulation in the basement, attic, crawlspaces, and exposed floors and walls
- Draft-proofing windows, doors, attic hatches, electrical outlets, and other major sources of heat loss
- Installing programmable thermostats

## Who is eligible?

Participants have to meet specific low-income standards.

In Nova Scotia, the Department of Community Services uses income standards that are set by the federal government.

Participants also have to own a home in need of energy efficiency upgrades.

## How do I apply?

There is no application for the Residential Energy Affordability Program.

Participants come from the Department of Community Services' list of homeowners that have already been pre-approved for other home repairs.

Program participants are referred from this list.

## I'm a low-income homeowner, how can you help me this winter?

We are offering a number of programs, rebates, and initiatives through the Heat Smart suite of programs to help all Nova Scotians better manage their home energy bills.