People's Energy Cooperative

Residential Energy Audit Program

People's Energy Cooperative offers members a low-cost *Residential Energy Audit Program* by partnering with G.A. Ernst and Associates, Inc., a certified energy efficiency consulting service and solutions company. This program offers a comprehensive home energy analysis to identify energy use, pinpoint inefficiencies, and prioritize solutions for saving energy and enhancing comfort. Before starting home energy improvements, especially large projects, we highly recommend having a home energy audit.

Recommendations will address home durability, ventilation, appliance replacement, insulation, and air sealing. Using energy more efficiently = savings on electric and fuel bills.

Choose from the following two types of energy audits:

Standard Energy Audit: ($320 –> $160 after *Cost of Audit* rebate is submitted)

- Utility Bill Analysis and Analyze Energy Use
- Thermal Envelop Inspection (thorough insulation and air sealing analysis)
- Blower Door Diagnostics
- Furnace Efficiency / Safety and Worst Case Back Draft Spillage Testing

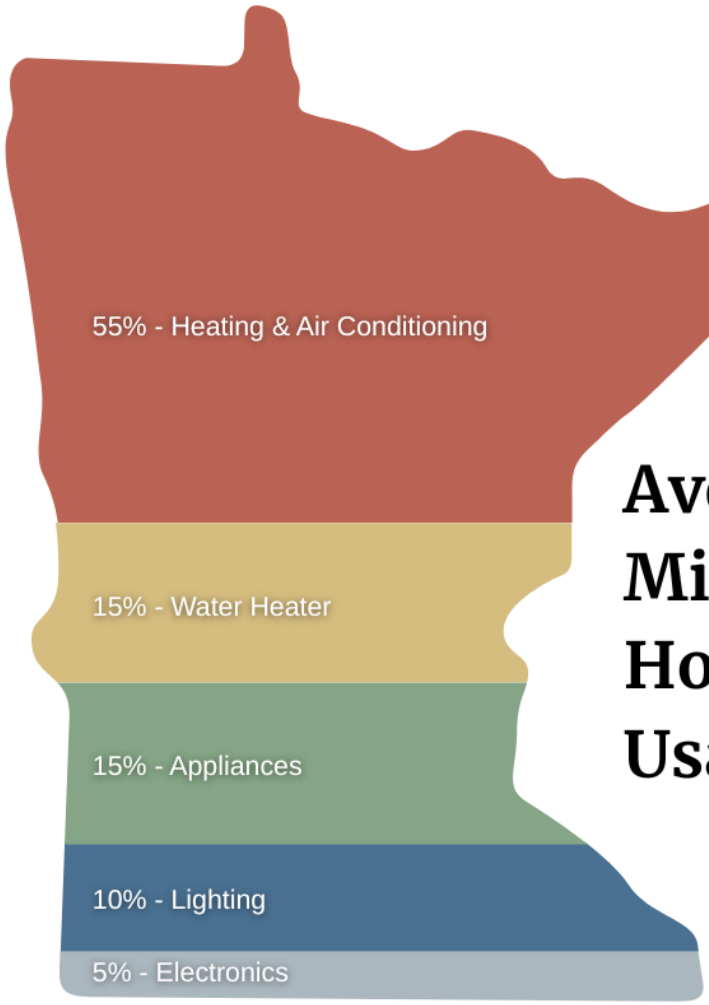
Performance Energy Audit: ($420 –> $220 after *Cost of Audit* rebate is submitted)

- Includes all features of the Standard Energy Audit, plus Infrared Camera Diagnostics

After the energy audit is completed, both the member and People's Energy Cooperative will receive a comprehensive report detailing the certified energy auditor's findings and suggested improvements to help save energy. In addition to the *Cost of Audit* rebate, members may be eligible for an *Audit Recommended Improvement Rebate* of up to $500 for implementing recommended measures, which result in electrical or delivered fossil fuel (LP or oil) reduction or increased efficiency. If a prescriptive rebate is available, for a particular recommended improvement, it takes precedence, and that improvement will not count toward the $500 *Audit Recommended Improvements Rebate.*

Home Energy Audit Checklist:

- ✓ Member must complete and return the '*Pre-Audit Request and Questionnaire'* (available on the following page or at www.peoplesenergy.coop) to People's Energy Cooperative.
- ✓ G.A. Ernest and Associates, Inc. will contact the member to schedule the residential energy audit at a time that is convenient for the member. Members must be present during audit. The audit will take approximately 2 hours.
- ✓ Both the member and People's Energy Cooperative will receive a copy of the detailed energy audit report.
- ✓ The member will be billed directly from G.A. Ernst for the full cost of the audit and will be responsible for paying G.A. Ernst for the entire cost of the audit. *Cost of Audit* rebate must be submitted to People's Energy Cooperative.
- ✓ Upon completion of any recommended energy improvements, member is eligible to submit applicable rebate information to People's Energy Cooperative and receive prescriptive rebate(s) and/or up to the $500 *Audit Recommended Improvement Rebate* towards the cost of the improvements made. The cost of labor can be claimed; however the cost of the audit does not qualify. The rebate form may be included in packet received at time of energy audit or found on People's Energy website.



Average Minnesota Home Energy Usage

*Information published in 2025 Minnesota Department of Commerce Home Energy Guide

***Percentages shown may not be actual energy loss in every situation.**

Pre-Audit Request and Questionnaire

Please complete and return this form to People's Energy Cooperative prior to scheduling a residential home energy audit.

Name: _____ Account #(s): _____
(Must be listed on account)

Service Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

- ☐ Owner
- ☐ Renter

Primary Heating Source:

- ☐ Electric or LP or Oil (circle one if applicable)
- ☐ Natural Gas

Requesting:

- ☐ Standard Audit ($320)
- ☐ Performance Audit ($420)

By signing this form, you are allowing People's Energy Cooperative to provide your past billing information to G.A. Ernst and Associates, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the residential energy audit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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