

Efficiency Nova Scotia

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Efficiency Nova Scotia describes itself as the administrator of conservation and energy efficiency in Nova Scotia and as Canada's first energy efficiency utility. The costs of its services are included in Nova Scotia Power's electricity rates. Efficiency Nova Scotia is operated as an independent non-profit organization, with regulatory oversight provided by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

What you may not know is that at Efficiency Nova Scotia there are programs for all Nova Scotians.



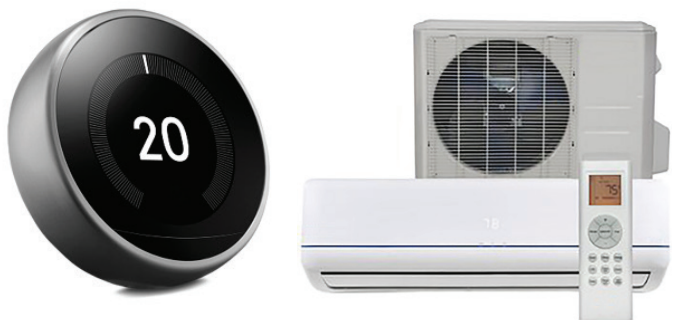
Product Installation – This is a free service available to everyone in NS. Anyone can call and book an appointment and a service provider will install LED light bulbs, power bars, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, electric hot water tank and pipe insulation, and provide a clothes drying rack at no cost.

Appliance Retirement – This is a service to remove old refrigerators. Efficiency Nova Scotia will take working fridges or freezers that are at least 10 years old and pay the owner \$30. If you want they can remove old air conditioners and mini-fridges/freezers at the same time and pay the owner an additional \$10.

Home Energy Assessment – This is Energy Efficiency Nova Scotia's main program for homeowners. If you are considering any sort of renovations, it would be worth your time to have EENS assess your home for energy savings potential. There are rebates available for insulation, heat pumps, wood and pellet stoves, draft-proofing, solar equipment, and much more. The cost of the assessment is \$99.

HomeWarming Program - For homeowners who qualify, the HomeWarming team provides a comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your home. Then the team manages sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed at no cost to you. This program is supported by the Province of Nova Scotia and by Nova Scotia Power.

Instant Savings – This is a retail program where rebates are offered on commonly available products that will help save energy. Rebates on things like smart thermostats, fridges, and clothes washers are available year-round, and rebates on items like motion sensors, programmable thermostats, dimmer switches, some types of LED bulbs, or clothesline kits are available twice every year, in the spring and fall. Nothing special is required to get the rebate, it's deducted at the cash register.



These are only some of the programs that Efficiency Nova Scotia offers. For more information call toll-free 1.877.434.2136 or visit www.energyncs.ca.

