# Home Energy Efficiency Resources

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### What is an Energy Audit?

- An in-home assessment of your home's energy usage performed by a professional energy inspector
- May include: blower door test, infrared cameras, and surface thermometers
- Results in detailed reports of potential sources of energy waste, list of out-of-date equipment, and recommendations for energy efficiency improvements

### How to Find an Energy Auditor

- RESENT (Residential Energy Services Network)
  - https://www.hersindex.com/find-a-hers-rater/
- BPI (Building Performance Institute)
  - https://www.bpi.org/sites/default/files/Locator.html

## **Benefits of Energy Audits**

- Financial Savings
  - According to the Department of Energy, homeowners could be spending \$200-\$400 annually on drafty homes, air leaks, and outdated heating and cooling systems.
- Energy Savings
  - Low-hanging fruit: Address leaking air and replace lighting
    - o Reducing drafts can save between 5-30% in energy consumption
    - Replacing older light fixtures with Energy Star and LED could save between 50-75% in energy usage
  - Other opportunities: HVAC tune-up and thermostat scheduling
    - These combined efforts of efficient equipment, insulation, air sealing and thermostat usage can save up to 50% on energy consumption

Source: Department of Energy

### Financing Available

- Inflation Reduction Act's Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit
  - The <u>25C tax credit</u> allows for up to \$3,200 in total annually
  - Qualifying upgrades include:
    - Energy Audits (30% of costs, up to \$150)
    - Building Envelope
      - Windows (up to \$600), exterior doors (up to \$500), air sealing & insulation (up to 30% of costs)
    - Residential Energy Property (30% of costs, incl. labor. Up to \$600 per equipment)
      - Central air conditioners, hot water boilers
    - Heat Pumps (30% of costs, incl. labor)
      - Electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters

### Renewable Energy Financing

- Inflation Reduction Act's Residential Clean Energy Property Credit
  - This credit covers 30% of the cost of:
    - Solar Panels
    - Solar Water Heaters
    - Geothermal Heat Pump
    - Battery Storage Systems

Please seek guidance from your tax professional when planning to utilize tax credits.

IRA Rebates expected to be available early 2025.

### Solar Co-ops Now Open!

- Solarize Virginia now open thru June 30
  - Co-op has served Arlington since 2015
  - https://www.solarizeva.org/
- Capital Area Solar Switch now open thru July 24
  - Co-op has served Arlington residents since 2014
  - https://www.solarswitch.com/ArlingtonCounty

Since 2014, 41 residents in 22203 Arlington Forest have received solar through the Solar Switch co-op!

The regional solar co-ops offer discounted rooftop solar installs by pre-vetted installers through a group-buying program. There is no obligation to proceed after signing up.

## Solarize Virginia



Simplify Solar with Solarize Virginia.

Sign up for free at www.solarizeva.org.



### **Solar Switch**



Install solar panels on your roof at an affordable price

Are you interested in solar for your home or small business but don't know where to start?

Register for Solar Switch, a solar group buying program Supported by Arlington County and locally based nonprofit organization Solar United Neighbors. Registration is free, and the most recent program helped households save an average of \$4,000 on their solar installation costs.



### **How does Solar Switch work?**



### Registration:

It's free and without obligation at SolarSwitch.com/ArlingtonCounty. You will provide basic information to find out if your roof is compatible.



### Installer auction:

On May 8, 2024 qualified installers will compete in an auction. The more people who sign up, the better our deal will be.



### Personal recommendation:

You will receive a recommendation that includes **personalized estimated savings** from the program.



### Your decision

You will have until **July 24, 2024** to decide if you want to accept the offer.



### **Installation:**

The installer will contact you to discuss the site assessment results and confirm the installation.



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Questions? We're here to help: hello@solarswitch.com 1-888-810-1117

### Resources

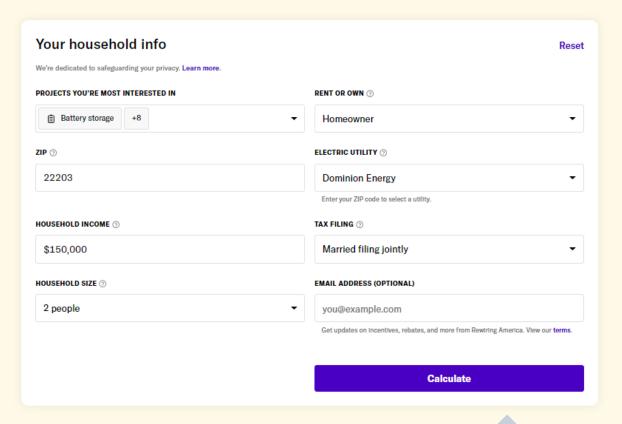
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- RMI Savings Calculator
  - https://greenup.rmi.org/upfront-costs-and-incentives/
- Accelerate Report (AIRE)
  - https://bit.ly/ACCELERATE2023

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### YOUR SAVINGS CALCULATOR

### How much can you get in electrification incentives?

Enter your household information to find out



**Rewiring America Incentive Calculator** 

## Questions?

Thank You!

