

Is Your Home Energy Efficient?

One of the best ways to check if your home is using energy wisely is to complete an **energy audit**. Answer the questions below and tally up your points!

1. Refrigerator

Close your fridge door over a piece of paper so it's half in and half out of the fridge. Try and pull the paper out. Is it:

- Easy to pull out (1 pt)
- Hard to pull out (2 pts)
- Doesn't pull out (4 pts)



2. Furnace Filters

Ask your parent how often your home's furnace & indoor air filters were cleaned or changed in the last year. How many times?

- 0 times (0 pts)
- 1-3 times (2 pts)
- 4 + times (4 pts)

3. Light Bulbs

Count how many LED light bulbs you have in your home. Do you have:

- 0 LED bulbs (0 pts)
- 1-4 LED bulbs (2 pts)
- 5 + LED bulbs (4 pts)



4. Thermostat

Your home's thermostat is set to:

- 72 degrees or higher (0 pts)
- 69-71 degrees (2 pts)
- 68 degrees or lower (4 pts)



5. Electricity Load

Take a look at your home's appliances, and *check all that apply*:

- Computers are turned off (1 pt)
- We have at least one ENERGY STAR appliance. (2 pts)
- Water heater is set to 120° or lower. (3 pts)

6. Windows

What kind of windows do you have at home?

- Single-pane windows (0 pts)
- Double-pane windows (2 pts)
- Triple-pane (4 pts)



My Score: _____

How did you do?

19-26 Points: Congratulations! Looks like your home is pretty energy efficient!

11-18 Points: You're getting there. Your home is saving energy, and could save more.

0-10 Points: Your home may not be using energy efficiently. How can you improve your score?

Contact the Oregon Department of Energy to learn how to save more energy at home!