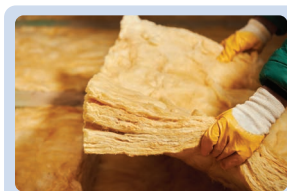




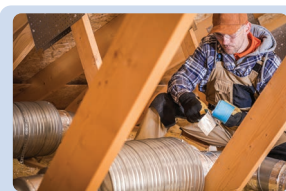
Home Upgrades for Energy Efficiency

When remodeling or adding to your single-family home, you can save money and make your home healthier and more energy-efficient while doing it!

Energy-Efficient Home Upgrade Options



Enhanced attic insulation



Duct sealing to seal air leaks



Heat pump water heaters



Installation of a solar energy system

Why should I include energy-efficient upgrades in my home remodel project?

- Increase the energy efficiency of your home, saving you money on energy bills
- These upgrades can make your home healthier for you and your family
- Upgrades can pay for themselves within a relatively short period of time
- These upgrades can protect our climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change

Ready to get started?

Here's how:

1

Learn Which Upgrades Work Best for Your Home

- Not sure which measures will save you the most? Tools like the [Department of Energy's Home Energy Saver Calculator](#) or [Energy Star's Home Upgrade](#) guidance can give you an idea of potential savings from insulation, duct sealing, efficient water heating and more.
- You can also ask your contractor or energy auditor for a home energy assessment, which identifies the most cost-effective improvements for your home's age, size and location.

2

Talk to a Licensed Contractor

- When planning a remodel, addition or major upgrade, let your contractor know you want to upgrade your old gas appliances and make your home more energy-efficient.
- A contractor can help you select the right combination of upgrades (like duct sealing, attic insulation or a heat pump) to save money and maximize comfort.

3

Take Advantage of Rebates & Incentives

- Federal Tax Credits: Homeowners can claim up to \$1,200 of project costs for insulation, doors, windows, and home energy audits plus up to \$2,000 per year for qualified high-efficiency heat pumps under the [Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit \(25C\)](#).
- State and Local Programs: Rebates are available through [TECH Clean California for heat pumps and water heaters](#), and through local utilities like [SDG&E for other energy efficiency upgrades](#).
- Multiple rebates and credits can be applied, cutting upfront costs by 30 to 60% or more.

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Enjoy the Benefits

- Enjoy lower utility bills, greater comfort, better indoor air quality and a more valuable, future-ready home.

Learn more about the City's **Climate Action Plan**, which includes strategies to improve our environment for all San Diegans.