

MHEA Newsletter

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Missouri Home Energy Certification Program



The Missouri Home Energy Certification (MHEC) Program recognizes the most energy efficient Missouri homes in a simple and clear manner and provides appropriate value signals on the worth of efficient homes to Missouri homeowners and the real estate industry.

Applications for home energy certification may be submitted by a Certified Home Energy Auditor (HEA) who is currently certified by the Missouri Division of Energy. An application may be submitted for any new or existing single-family home excluding manufactured housing in Missouri. There are two levels for which a home may qualify: Gold or Silver certification.

In order to find out if you qualify for **Gold** or **Silver** certification visit our website at energy.mo.gov/mhec.

2018 Tax Season is Around the Corner



With the bustle and merriments of the holidays fast approaching, it is easy for homeowners to forget the 2018 tax season is creeping right around the corner. Ensure your clients are prepared for the upcoming tax season by informing them about the state of Missouri's Personal Income Tax Deduction for Home Energy Audits.

Any taxpayer who paid an individual certified by the Division of Energy to complete a home energy audit may deduct 100 percent of the costs incurred for the audit and the implementation of any energy efficiency recommendations made by the auditor. The maximum subtraction may not exceed \$1,000 per year for an individual taxpayer or \$2,000 per year for taxpayers filing combined returns. To qualify for the tax deduction, incurred expenses must take place in the tax year the homeowner is filing a claim. Homeowners may not deduct expenses if already excluded from federal adjusted gross income or reimbursed through any other state or utility energy program.

To file a tax deduction for a Home Energy Audit and implemented recommendations made, a homeowner may utilize the Missouri Department of Revenue Form – 2017 MO-HEA. <http://dor.mo.gov/forms/MO-HEA.pdf>

10 Tips for Fall Energy Savings



1. Remember to replace dirty air conditioner filters to increase energy efficiency by 5 to 15 percent.
2. Check weather stripping on doors and replace if torn or damaged.
3. Swap CFLs, incandescent, and halogen lightbulbs for LED bulbs.
4. Check seals on fireplace flue dampers for a snug fit.
5. Caulk around windows to reduce air leaks.
6. Invest in a programmable thermostat to reduce heating while away from home or asleep.
7. Leave curtains open on windows during the day, allowing sunlight to heat your home.
8. Seal drafty windows by applying a plastic barrier to the inside window frame.
9. Reduce the temperature on your water heater to 120°F.
10. Schedule maintenance service for your home's heating source.



Energy Auditor Certifications through the Missouri Division of Energy expire. The renewal process is as simple as one, two, three!

1. Successfully complete at least one of the training programs leading to certification.
2. Complete an application form (Missouri Certified Home Energy Auditor Application - MO 780-2011 or Form MO 780-2011C) and provide information as prescribed by the Division of Energy.
3. The Missouri Division of Energy will review the application and supporting documents provided. Upon approval, the applicant will receive written notice.

For more detailed information regarding Home Energy Auditor Certification visit: energy.mo.gov/energyaudit