

# Get the Most from Your Home Energy Score

Like a miles-per-gallon rating on a car, a home energy score predicts how much energy a home will use.

In 2018, sellers in Portland are required to get a home energy score and share it with prospective buyers, providing transparency on energy costs and guiding future upgrades. From completing an assessment to partnering on upgrades, Enhabit is here to help every step of the way.

## BEHIND THE SCORE

The home energy score is calculated after an assessment by a certified assessor, like Enhabit.

- Includes clear, useful information on a home's energy profile
- Based on physical characteristics of a home, not a homeowner's energy use
- Ranks home on a 1-10 scale (5 represents the average Portland home, 10 represents the most energy-efficient home)
- Includes an estimate of annual energy costs
- For homes scoring 5 or less, recommends cost-effective ways to improve performance

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Whether you are selling or buying, the Portland Home Energy Score provides information you can use to understand the inner workings of a home.



Enhabit has completed more than **14,000 home energy assessments since 2010**

## FOR SELLERS

- Include a certified home energy report in public listings starting Jan. 1, 2018
- Complete a home energy assessment that meets City of Portland requirements before you list your home for sale
- Hire a certified assessors like Enhabit to generate the report
- The score shows how your home compares to others on the market
- The report conveys the value of your investments in home energy upgrades and attracts buyers by providing transparency

## FOR BUYERS

- Allows you to make an informed choice, comparing homes before you buy
- Provides an apples-to-apples comparison of your future home based on physical attributes, not the habits of occupants or past utility bills
- Helps you plan for investments down the road with a list of cost-effective upgrades for homes scoring 5 or less

## THE ENHABIT ASSESSMENT

Enhabit's authorized, certified building science experts examine a range of features that affect energy use.

### We assess:

The "envelope" of the home, including the roof, foundation, walls, insulation and windows

Energy systems like heating, cooling and hot water

Floor area or square footage

### The assessment does not factor in:

Current homeowner's behavior or energy use

Number of occupants

Lighting and appliances

Schedule a home energy assessment at [HomeScoreNow.com](https://www.HomeScoreNow.com).

Learn how to make your home a better place to live at [Enhabit.org](https://www.Enhabit.org).



## THE ENHABIT DIFFERENCE

We're experts in home energy performance, with more than **14,000 home energy assessments and 6,000 home performance upgrades completed since 2010.**

Whether you're getting ready to sell or just bought a new house, we're your one-stop shop for assessing and transforming your home.

