



# RENOVATING YOUR HOME?

Maximize your investment with energy-saving opportunities and rebates!

Remodeling your home requires lots of research and planning, and all of the decisions can seem overwhelming. Let us take the guesswork out of identifying which energy-saving opportunities are available so that your improvements not only enhance the appearance of your home, but also its comfort and performance.

## Explore Opportunities

The best place to start is with a Home Energy Squad® visit. They'll help you discover energy saving opportunities throughout your home! Visit [HomeEnergySquad.net](http://HomeEnergySquad.net) or call (866) 222-4595.

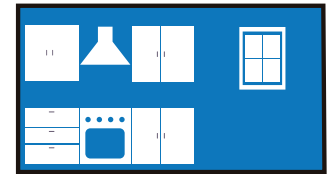
## Build Energy Efficiency Into Your Project

Whatever size your project, there are opportunities to integrate energy efficiency. A few ideas are provided on the reverse side.



## 1 Kitchen

- Recycle your old refrigerator and earn \$35. Visit [xcelenergy.com/Fridge](https://xcelenergy.com/Fridge) to learn more.
- Choose ENERGY STAR® certified appliances. Visit [energystar.gov/products](https://energystar.gov/products) to learn more.



## 2 Utility Room

- Leverage Xcel Energy rebates to upgrade to high efficiency heating systems, hot water heaters, and air conditioners. Visit [xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates](https://xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates) to learn more.
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## 3 All Rooms

- Upgrade lighting to LED bulbs. Visit [xcelenergy.com/BulbFinder](https://xcelenergy.com/BulbFinder) to find local retailers offering discounted bulbs.
- Install power strips, occupancy sensors, and/or timers so that your lighting and devices aren't using energy while you're asleep, are away at work, or not using certain rooms.

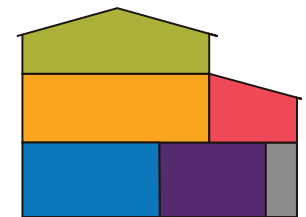
## 4 Attic & Exterior

- Seal uncontrolled air leaks and reduce drafts with insulation and air sealing improvements.
- Home Energy Squad can provide a price quote and referrals to approved contractors.
- Consider replacing older, drafty windows with newer energy-efficient ones.



## 5 Other Ideas

- Install a smart thermostat to manage your home's heating and cooling comfort costs. Visit [xcelenergystore.com](https://xcelenergystore.com) to purchase thermostats and many other energy-saving items at a discount.
- Consider installing mini-split heat pumps for zoned heating/cooling when additional ductwork won't work. Visit [xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates](https://xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates) to learn more.



## Select Contractor

Not all of Xcel Energy's programs require you to use a registered contractor, but using an Xcel Energy registered contractor is recommended because they are most likely to have knowledge about available rebate opportunities and processes.

To review the list of Xcel Energy Registered Contractors, visit: [xcelenergy.com/ContractorSearch](https://xcelenergy.com/ContractorSearch).

## Secure Financing

Here are some financing options for home renovation projects that include energy efficiency:

- **Home Improvement Loan Program:** Statewide program that supports the preservation of existing housing. It provides loans to improve the basic livability and/or energy efficiency of the borrower's home. More details at: [mnlendingcenter.org](https://mnlendingcenter.org).
- **Home Energy Loan Program:** Low interest home energy loans for Minnesota homeowners to make energy improvements in their homes. More details at: [mnlendingcenter.org](https://mnlendingcenter.org).
- **Solar Financing:** Low interest loans for Minnesota homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their homes using photovoltaic (PV) solar technology. More details at [mnlendingcenter.org](https://mnlendingcenter.org).