

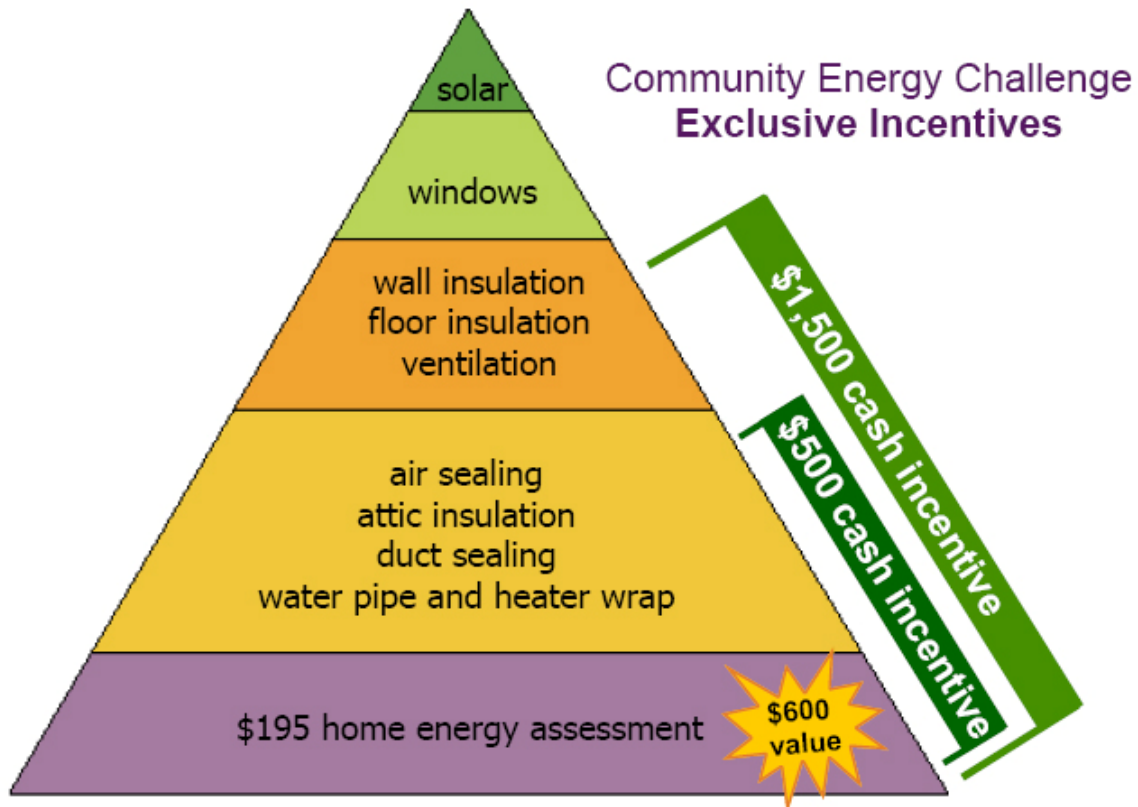


## CASH INCENTIVES

We are happy to help you save energy and money by improving your home's energy efficiency.

CEC incentives are *in addition to* all existing utility rebates and tax credits.

A low-interest loan is available to cover the remainder of project costs.



### Cost Effective Home Energy Efficiency Upgrades

- + possible additional incentives for appliance upgrades and furnace upgrades

## THE DETAILS

What does this pyramid represent?

This pyramid represents energy-saving upgrades prioritized by cost-effectiveness. The Community Energy Challenge has grouped measures together that will help you save the most energy while minimizing upfront costs. To receive the CEC incentive you do not necessarily need to complete all measures indicated in a certain level, just the measures that have been recommended for your home following your energy assessment. We'll help you start at the base and work your way up to a level of investment that's right for you.



### Do I need to have an energy assessment to participate?

Yes. There is no substitute for good information. An energy assessment performed by a certified building analyst uses the latest technology to reveal where your home loses energy. This allows you to know which energy efficiency measures will save you the most energy and money. The cost of the assessment is \$195. However, once you decide on which energy-saving actions to take in your home, \$95 of this will be applied to the cost of recommended improvements, effectively providing an expert assessment (valued at \$600) for \$100.

### Who is eligible to be part of the program?

This Community Energy Challenge is designed to serve places of residence throughout Whatcom County regardless of size or income level. If you live in a mobile home, large multifamily building or are eligible for low-income weatherization services we may refer you to another organization which can better meet your needs.

### Can I participate if I am renting or if I own rental property?

Not immediately, but please check back with us next year. For 2010 this program is focused on owner-occupied homes; however, in 2011 we hope to expand the program to rental property. We look forward to working with tenants and landlords to arrange mutually beneficial energy efficiency upgrades in future years of the program.

### Does the Community Energy Challenge provide financing to help with the cost of energy efficiency installations?

Yes. We are pleased to provide access to low-interest preferential term loans for participants to help cover costs in partnership with Banner Bank.

### I am planning to get my windows replaced; can this program make my project more affordable?

We are interested in helping households take a comprehensive approach to energy efficiency. Window replacements are typically not the most cost-effective measure to improve energy efficiency, and therefore not prioritized in our program. Furthermore, in a house that has not been air sealed or has insufficient insulation, new windows will do little in the way of improved comfort. If you are addressing all the critical weatherization work first and wish to replace windows as a finishing touch, we may be able to provide attractive financing and other assistance.

### Why now?

Energy efficiency not only saves you money, it also creates local jobs in our community and reduces our impact on the environment. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has supplied this funding to put people back to work and get America on track to a more energy independent future. These cash incentives are a limited time offer. Don't let this unique opportunity pass you by!

### How do I sign up?

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