



Is Your Home Energy Efficient?

One of the best ways to check if your home is using energy wisely is to complete an **energy audit**. Answer the questions below and tally up your points!

1. Refrigerator

Close your fridge door over a piece of paper so it's half in and half out of the fridge. Try and pull the paper out. Is it:

- Easy to pull out (1 pt)
- Hard to pull out (2 pts)
- Doesn't pull out (4 pts)



2. Furnace Filters

Ask your parent how often your home's furnace filters were cleaned or changed in the last year. How many times?

- 0 times (0 pts)
- 1-3 times (2 pts)
- 4 + times (4 pts)

3. Light Bulbs

Count how many LED light bulbs you have in your home. Do you have:

- 0 LED bulbs (0 pts)
- 1-4 LED bulbs (2 pts)
- 5 + LED bulbs (4 pts)



4. Thermostat

This winter, your home's thermostat was set to what temperature:

- 74 degrees or higher (0 pt)
- 71-73 degrees (2 pts)
- 70 degrees or lower (4 pts)



5. Insulation

Ask an adult for help measuring how thick the insulation in your attic is. Is it:

- 6 inches or fewer (1 pt)
- 7-11 inches (2 pts)
- 12 inches or more (4 pts)

6. Windows

What kind of windows do you have at home?

- Single-pane windows (0 pts)
- Double-pane windows (2 pts)
- Double-pane, gas-filled or reflective coating (4 pts)



How did you do?

21-28 Points: Congratulations! Your home is energy efficient.

13-20 Points: You're getting there! Are there ways you could improve your score?

3-12 Points: Your home isn't very efficient. Look for ways to increase your home's efficiency. Your parents could [contact the Oregon Department of Energy](http://www.oregon.gov/energy) to learn about programs that can save your home's energy!