

Home Energy Workshop Agenda

1. 30 min – Arrivals and Introduction

- » Introduction to energy and the ecological footprint
- » Energy footprint of each neighbourhood
- » Discuss barriers to lowering home energy use
- » Discuss motivations to lower their home energy use

Materials:

- » Powerpoint presentation, map of neighbourhoods
- » Whiteboard or paper stand for recording barriers and motivations (tape up to the wall as needed)

2. 30 min – Presentation from energy advisor

- » Some presentation topic ideas include: How to read your energy bills (gas and hydro), how to maximize savings on bills, heat loss 101, thermal imaging.
- » Top 5-10 behaviour changes to save energy: Unplug unused appliances, turn the heat down, DIY home retrofits, etc.

Materials:

- » Powerpoint presentation

3. 30 min – Q&A with energy advisor

- » Give participants an opportunity to ask question specific to their own homes.

Materials:

- » Quick at-home examples for common energy problems (eg. Appliance timer, weather stripping, caulking, LED light bulbs, programmable thermostat, etc.)

4. 30 min – Resources, Pledges and Wrap Up

- » Give participants online or printed resources that they can take home (see attached sheet).
- » On a self-addressed postcard, have each household write an energy pledge for their home. Tell them that you will mail them the postcard in two weeks as a reminder!

Materials

- » Postcards and stamps
- » Pens
- » Resource sheet or online guide



Home Energy Resources

BC Hydro

- » Join Team Power Smart to reduce energy and get a \$50 rebate if your household reduces its hydro use by 10%: www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/team-power-smart.html
- » Get a free energy saving kit from BC Hydro and Fortis, including LED lightbulbs, weather stripping supplies, and more: www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/savings-and-rebates/savings-based-on-income/free-energy-savings-kit.html
- » Home energy monitors: www.bchydro.com/homeenergymonitor

Fortis BC

- » Fortis energy-saving tips for home, including appliances, lighting, heating and cooling, and more: www.fortisbc.com/comfortlist
- » Home renovation blog, Renos with Joan: fortisbc.com/renoswithjoan

Other

- » BC Home Energy Coach - For Single Family Residential Homes, Townhomes, and Rowhomes in BC, provides building-science based information about the options and opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of your home: <https://bcenergycoach.ca/>