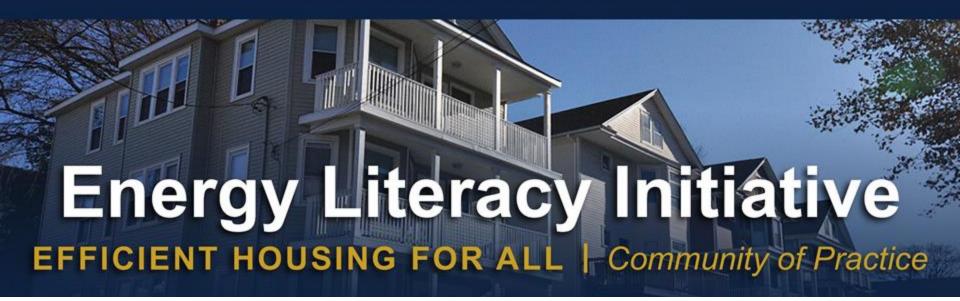
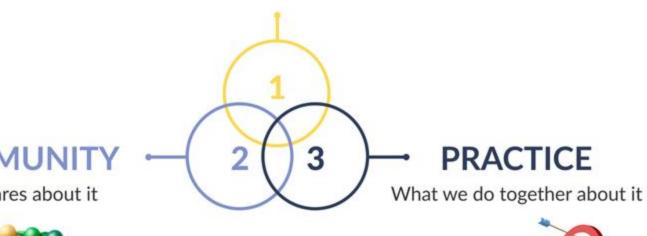
THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



Health Equity Zone Learning Community Monday, March 3, 2025



What we care about

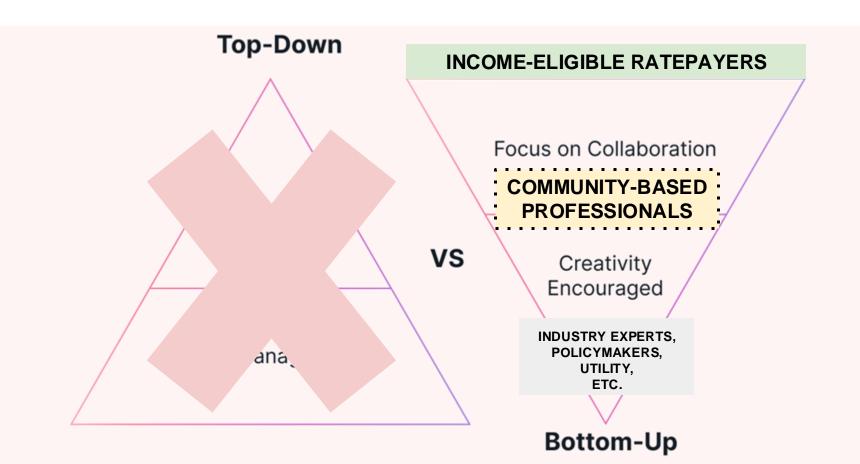




Who cares about it



OUR APPROACH / PROCESS



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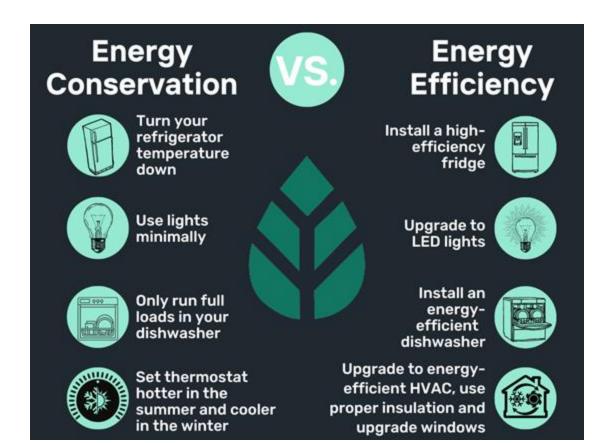
WHAT IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

Energy Efficiency:

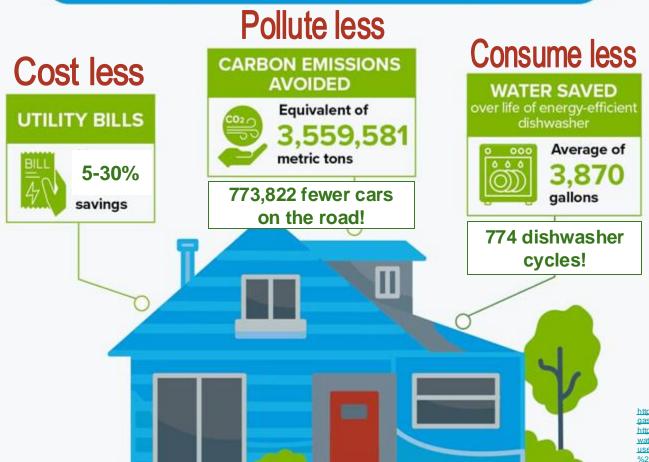
Using less energy to perform the same tasks.

Using energy more efficiently helps you:

- Save money
- Combat climate change
- Meet growing energy demand
- Improve comfort



Energy efficient homes at a glance



https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/greenhouseuse/#:~:text=Older%20models%20could%20use

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Graphic created by CenterPoint Energy



BILLING PERIOD Apr 10, 2024to May 9, 2024

> PLEASE PAY BY Jun 5, 2024

Total Amount Due

AMOUNT DUE \$ 163.74

\$ 94.26

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Enrollment Information To enroll with a

supplier or change to another supplier, you will need the following information about your account: Loadzone RhodeIsland

Acct No:

Cycle: 9, GILB

Electric Usage History

Month	kWh Month	kWh
Sep 23	820 Apr 24	4 808
Oct 23	1041 May 2	4 610
Nov 23	752	
Dec 23	795	
Jan 24	917	
Feb 24	723	
Mar 24	965	

Right To Dispute Your Bill And To An Impartial Hearing

If you believe your bill is inaccurate or for any reason payment may be withheld, you should first contact our Customer Service Department at 1-855-RIE-1101. If a mutually satisfactory settlement of this matter cannot be made, you have the right to submit this matter to: Reviewing Officer, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island 02888 Telephone: 401-780-9700, Rhode Island Energy will not disconnect your service pending proceedings before a reviewing officer appointed by the Public Utilities Administrator.

DETAIL OF CURRENT CHARGES

Delivery Services			
Service Period	No. of days	Current Reading -	Previous Reading
Apr 10 - May 9	29	89357 _{Actual}	88747 Actual

NEXT SCHEDULED READ DATE ON OR ABOUT

RATE	Basic	Residential	Rate A	1-16

Customer Charge			6.00
LIHEAP Enhancement Charge			0.79
Distribution Energy Chg	0.06118 x	610 kWh	37.32
Energy Efficiency Prgrms	0.01169 x	610 kWh	7.13
Renewable Egy Dist Chg	0.02233 x	610 kWh	13.62
Transmission Charge	0.04161 x	610 kWh	25.38
RE Growth Program			4.02

Total Delivery Services

Supply Services

METER NUMBER

SUPPLIER Rhode Island Energy

Energy Charge	0.10377 x 610 kWh	63.30
	TotalSupply Services	\$ 63.30

Other Charges/Adjustments

Paperless Billing Credit			-0.37
Gross Earnings Tax	0.04166667x	157.19	6.55
	TotalOther Charges/A	diustments	\$ 6.18

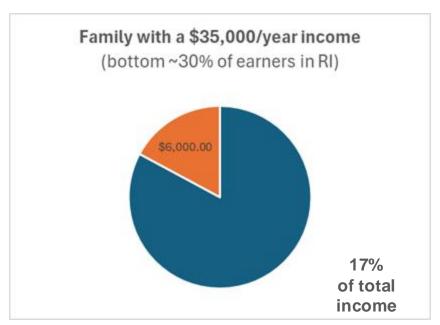
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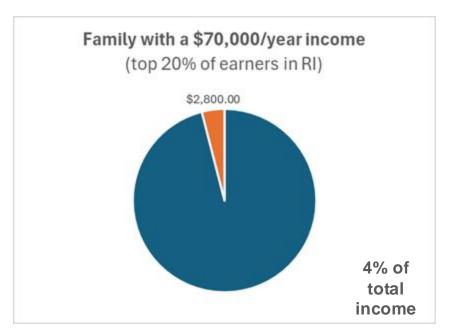
Total Delivery Charge

Total Supply Charge

Generally, lower income families have less energy-efficient homes so...

Lower income families *pay more* than high-income families





FY-23-HUD-Income-Limits.pdf (ribousing.com)





A safe, healthy, and climate-friendly home provides an environment where individuals and families can build, retain, and transfer wealth, create stability, and improve health outcomes.

A home that supports health and well-being is:



Dry

Repair plumbing leaks and water intrusions that cause dampness and mold growth.



Clean

Clean regularly to reduce allergy and asthma triggers. Minimize clutter and use wet cleaning methods.



Contaminant-Free

Use non-toxic pesticides and cleaning products. Test for radon and lead (if home is pre-1978).



Pest-Free

Use sticky traps and bait in closed spaces, seal cracks in your home, and store food properly.



Safe

Install smoke and CO detectors, secure rugs, add grab bars to bathrooms, store chemicals safely.



Well-Maintained

Inspect and repair small things before they become bigger problems or cause accidents in the home.



Well-Ventilated

Ventilate bathrooms, kitchens, and dryers to the outside to improve indoor air quality.



Energy Efficient

Install "smart" thermostats, use LED lightbulbs, turn off lights when not in use, caulk windows and doors.



Thermally Controlled

Weatherize and insulate attics and walls and seal air leaks to prevent exposure to extreme heat and cold.

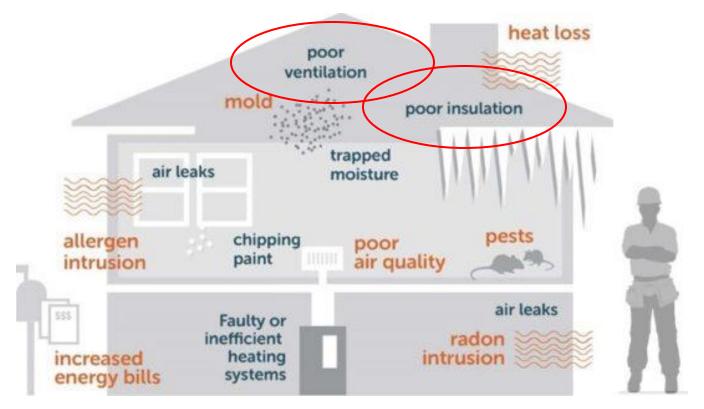


Electrified

Replace fossil fuel appliances with electric versions to reduce toxins and improve indoor air quality.

Inefficient Homes

What do they look like? What are the consequences?



Graphic created by Efficiency Vermont

Step 1 for a Healthy Home: Schedule a NO COST

In-Home Energy Audit





















Step 2 for a Healthy Home:

Implement LOW/NO COST

Weatherization Measures

Step 3 for a Healthy Community:

Snread the Word!

Spread the Word! LOW/NO COST Weatherization Measures

NO COST In-Home Energy Audit

To schedule online:



Scan the QR Code

To schedule via phone:

Market rate customers: **(888) 633-7947**

Discount rate customers: **(401) 351-1800**

Join the *Efficient Housing for All*Community of Practice





We will raise awareness of the linkages between home health and human health



We will provide access to educational information about energy efficiency and \$\$\$ incentives available now



We will identify barriers to access / participation in energy efficiency programs



We will develop solutions/pathways to overcome barriers, increase participation and improve home and human health



What *is* a community of practice?

A **community of practice** is a group of subject matter experts who come together to do something.

Subject matter experts include people with lived experience, community-based workers, academics, and people working in the area of interest.

What do they do?

Study the problem, make a plan, and act!



What's In It For You?

Community participants who attend at least four of the sessions will:

Receive
Gift Cards

and/or

Receive a
URI Cooperative Extension
Certificate of
Participation

and/or

Networkwith people with similar

goals and interests!

Earn
Community
Service Hours

and/or

Professional
Development
Coaching w/ us!

and/or

Be part of a solution to combat climate change!

Next Steps

Will be determined over the next two months by your answers to our participant survey...



EHACoP Initial Participant Survey:

