

What is a Home Energy Score and a Home Energy Score Report?

A Home Energy Score (HES) is a numerical energy efficiency rating for a single-family residence. It accounts for the home's physical properties, heating and cooling systems, and other features.

A Home Energy Score Report provides information about a home's annual energy use & cost, the home's carbon footprint, suggested energy efficiency upgrades to help lower energy use & cost, and the Home Energy Score.



What are the benefits of a Home Energy Score?

- Provides transparency and consumer protection.
- Provides a standard method to compare energy efficiency and energy costs between homes.
- Identifies optional upgrades to reduce energy use and cost.
- Improves indoor health when ventilation or heating & cooling improvements are made.
- Provides documentation for federal lending programs that allow borrowers to finance energy efficiency improvements in mortgages.
- Supports environmental and equity goals.
- Creates targeted energy efficiency incentives in alignment with community needs.



Timeline of Home Energy Scores in Hillsboro

August 2020	Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan calls for Home Energy Scores
October 2020	City Council Work Session
November 2020	Community engagement begins
February 2021	Community engagement ends
May 2021	City Council Work Session
June & July 2021	City Council approves Home Energy Score Policy
September 2021	Home Energy Score requirement begins



**Have questions?
We're here to help!**

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Home Energy Score

A New Requirement for Home Sellers



As of September 1, 2021, all sellers of residential, single-family homes within the City of Hillsboro must obtain and disclose a Home Energy Score & Report before publicly listing the home for sale.

Inside:

- How to get a Home Energy Score
- Answers to your questions
- How to request help



Who is required to get a Home Energy Score?

Home sellers must obtain and disclose a Home Energy Score & Report if the home is:

- Located in Hillsboro's boundary. See if your home is within city boundary at HBMaps.Hillsboro-Oregon.gov
- A detached single-dwelling unit on its own lot
- An attached unit, such as a row house, duplex, condominium or a townhouse (stacked units are currently exempt)



Are there any exceptions to the Home Energy Score requirement?

Yes. A homeowner can apply for an exemption if the sale of the home is due to a situation indicative of financial distress.

Are new homes exempt from the requirement?

No. Home Energy Scores are also required for new homes. Home builders may obtain a single score for multiple, identical homes. Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EnergyScore for more information.

How much is a Home Energy Score assessment?

The average cost is between \$125 and \$250, depending on the size of the home.

How do I get a Home Energy Score?

- 1** Schedule a Home Energy Assessment
Contact an authorized, licensed home energy assessor at EarthAdvantage.org/Resources/-OR-Assessors.html
- 2** Prepare for the Assessment
Clear items that may block access to your attic and crawl spaces.
- 3** Obtain and display the Home Energy Score & Report
Once the assessment is complete, download the Home Energy Score Report at US.GreenBuildingRegistry.com.

What should I do with it?

- Share the Home Energy Score Report with all real estate brokers working on your behalf. The Home Energy Score and a link to the full report must be included with all real estate listings (RMLS™, Zillow, Realtor.com, Trulia, etc.).
- Provide copies of the Home Energy Score Report to buyers when they visit the home regardless if being sold through a real estate broker or by owner.

How long do Home Energy Scores last?

Home Energy Scores are good for eight years, unless significant energy efficiency upgrades or modifications are made to the home after the report is issued. In those instances, a new assessment and report would be required.

Are homeowners required to do any of the upgrades listed in the report?

No. However, homeowners who choose to make upgrades may be eligible for incentives to help reduce the costs. Visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EnergyScore for info.

Is financial assistance available?

Yes. Homeowners who meet income requirements may be eligible for a free Home Energy Score & Report. For details call 503-681-6100 or visit Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/EnergyScore.

Point your smartphone camera at this QR code to learn more about the Home Energy Score Program.

