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Hamilton Sustainable Housing Initiative

Green Venture, Horizon Utilities and Union Gas have created a program to help improve the energy efficiency in corporate or private homes across Hamilton. This is an income-eligible program designed to help people with lower incomes live more comfortably in their homes. Eligible customers will receive a free home energy audit which includes a standard EnerGuide for Houses audit as well as an appliance and lighting audit. The resident will also receive installation of free energy saving products in their home; these products will save the resident close to \$700 a year on their energy bills and an additional \$100 on their water bill.

To be eligible for the program, you have to either live in an approved neighbourhood or be a recipient of Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Assistance. The Social Planning and Research Council helped to locate neighbourhoods which would benefit most from this program. Beasley, Landsdale, Gibson, Corktown, Stinson, North End East, North End West, Dundurn, McQuesten East, McQuesten West or Riverdale West neighbourhoods have all been pre-approved for the program.

The second requirement for eligibility is the type of home - fully detached, semi-detached, row houses, duplexes, triplexes or mobile homes are all accepted. The residence must be privately owned, but can be rented or owned by the resident to qualify for the program.

To book an appointment or for more information, please call 905-540-8787, extension 19.