

Questions to Ask a Potential Energy Auditor

There are many types of energy audits that are being done. If you want a high quality complete energy evaluation ask the following questions prior to choosing an audit company.

- Do you make an actual model of my house? Does it include the precise measurements of the wall surface area, volume, window size-type-and orientation, area measurements of the sloped ceilings as well as the flat ceilings?
- Do you calculate the winter, summer, and annual air change per hour of the home?
- Do you do a worst case combustion air zone test before and after the work is done?
- Do you do a draft flue test before and after the work is done?
- Can you provide me with a before and after air leakage graph to show the improvement in air sealing?
- Do you recommend a wide range of products for the efficiency upgrade?
- Do you have advanced training in energy work such as HERS or LEED?
- Where can I see a sample energy efficiency report?
- How many reports have you done in the last two years?
- Do you use my home's climate information when evaluating my efficiency recommendations?
- Will you financially gain from any future work done on my home?

Hiring an inexperienced auditor that uses imprecise data collection techniques will result in inaccurate results that can be costly in the long run.