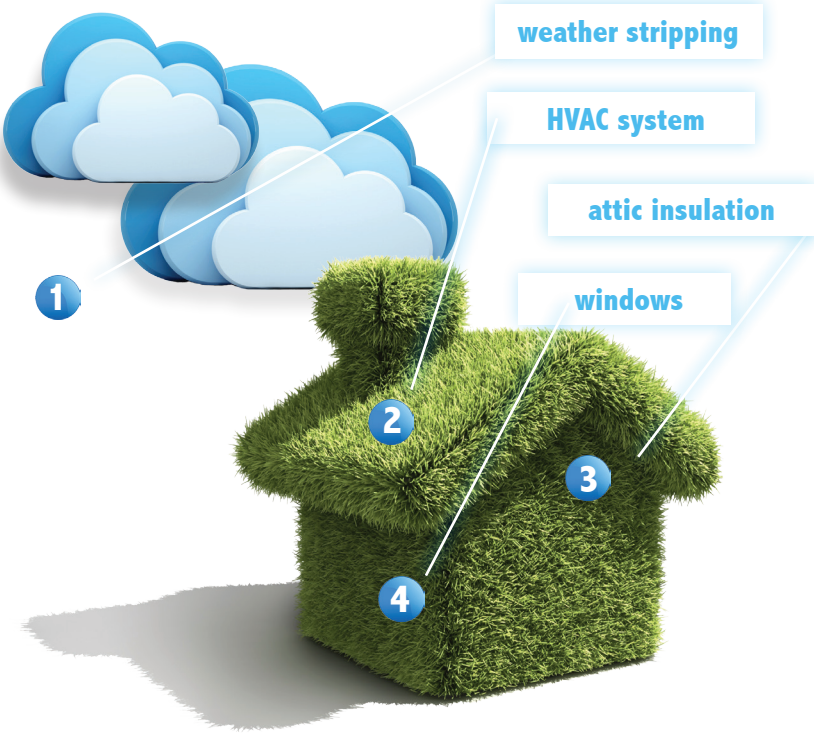


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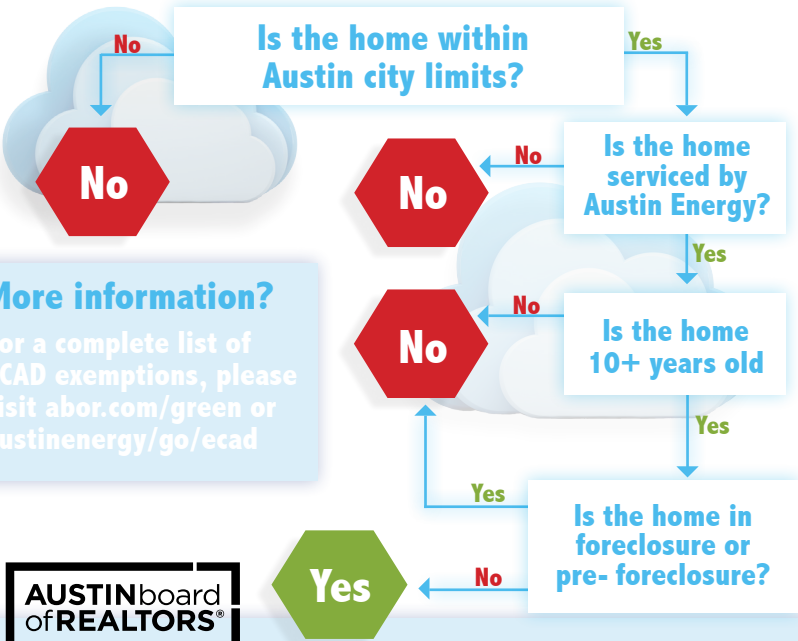
What is the ECAD Audit?

The ECAD Audit is a specialized energy audit that examines four primary areas in a home.



Is the seller required to have the audit?

Whether or not a seller is required to have the audit depends on a number of factors.



More information?

For a complete list of ECAD exemptions, please visit abor.com/green or austinenergy/go/ecad

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is required under the ordinance?

Some homeowners in Austin are required to obtain a specialized audit—the ECAD Audit—and to disclose the findings of that audit as part of their regular seller’s disclosure.

When does the audit need to be completed?

The audit must be completed and disclosed no later than 3 days prior to the end of the option period defined in the sales contract. If there is no option period, the audit must be disclosed prior to execution of the sales contract. Early audits may help homeowners identify possible areas of improvement and could help prevent last minute scrambles should a homeowner decide to sell the property at a later date.

Who will conduct the audit?

ECAD audits will be conducted by professionals who have been certified by either the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) or the Building Performance Institute and who are registered with Austin Energy as approved contractors for this program. A list of registered energy audit professionals can be found online at www.austinenergy.com/go/ecad.

How much does an ECAD Audit cost?

For a typical single-family home with 1,800 square feet or less and a single air conditioning system, the estimated cost of an ECAD audit ranges from \$200–\$300. However, auditors set their own prices, which are dependent on the size of the home.

How long does the audit last?

Each ECAD audit will be good for 10 years under the current ordinance rule.