

Understanding the ECAD Audit Form

Learn to interpret the audit and translate results into energy-saving home improvements

ARE YOU PREPPING TO BUY OR SELL A HOME?

> IS THE HOME MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD?

HOW OLD
IS THE AIR
CONDITIONER?

DOES THE HOME FEEL TOO HUMID?

WANT TO REDUCE HOME ENERGY COSTS?

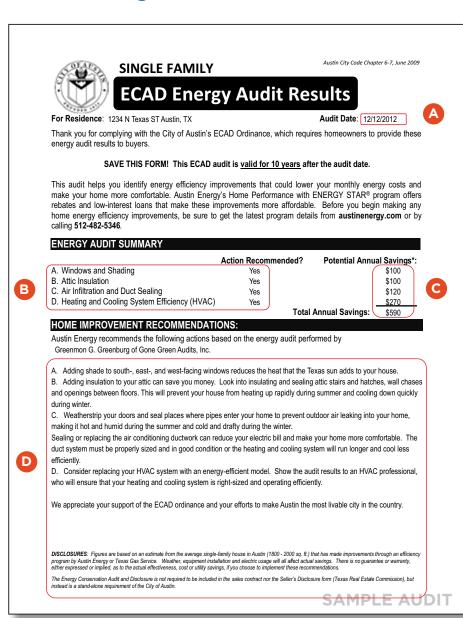
Apply audit findings to anticipate and manage your home's efficiency





ECAD AUDIT: READ AND INTERPRET

Understanding the Audit Cover Letter



- **A. Shows** date of completed audit. The audit is valid for 10 calendar years from this date.
- **B. Summarizes** recommended home improvements based on audit results. These improvements correspond to Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program offerings.
- **C. Estimates** potential annual savings based on estimates for an average house; actual savings may differ.
- **D. Provides** details on recommended energy efficiency improvements based on the home's specific audit results.

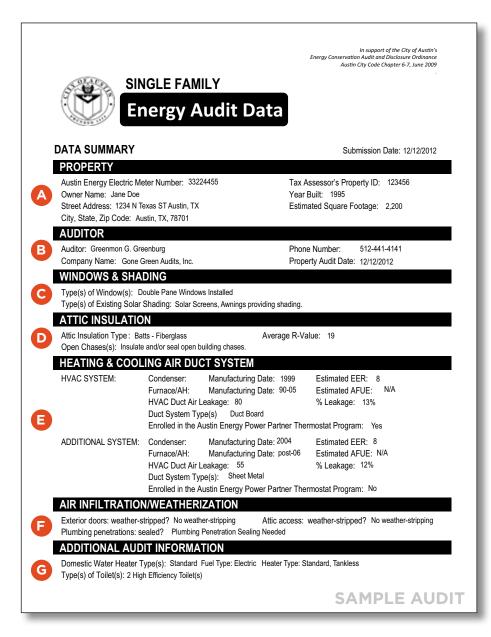
DID YOU KNOW?

If you receive rebates of more than \$500 or make at least three of the recommended improvements through Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, you meet ECAD requirements for a period of 10 years.

What is ECAD?

The Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) ordinance requires home sellers to disclose comprehensive energy audit details to buyers during a real estate transaction. The ordinance applies to homes more than 10 years old, serviced by Austin Energy, within the Austin city limits. While anyone who owns a home at least 10 years old can benefit from an ECAD audit, this audit is typically completed and provided at the time of listing.

Understanding the Audit Data



- **A. Identifies** the audited property. Square footage represents actual size, not necessarily property appraisal district size.
- **B. Gives** auditor contact information. Contact the auditor for more information on possible improvements or to update the audit data after improvements have been made.
- **C. Lists** all types of windows and shade providers, including trees and other buildings.
- **D. Details** insulation type and R-Value for entire overhead, including any cathedral ceilings. Chases are "tunnels" for the duct system, for plumbing or for wiring which should be insulated.
- **E. Lists** key efficiency information and measurement for up to two HVAC systems. If more than two, see additional audit data sheets.
- **F. Identifies** common locations for potential weatherization and air sealing improvements that affect the performance of the home, or identifies if those improvements are in place.
- **G. Highlights** additional opportunities for energy and water efficiency improvements in the house, as applicable.

ECAD Benefits Await You

- Identify Hidden Opportunities Discover potentially hidden home management-related costs as well as opportunities
 for valuable home and health improvement.
- Increase Your Home Value Make your house more distinct and attractive in the competitive real estate marketplace with energy efficiency upgrades.
- Reduce Energy Bills Save up to 20 percent or more on monthly energy bills by implementing energy efficiency improvements through Home Performance with ENERGY STAR.



ECAD AUDIT: Upgrade and Save

Austin Energy customers with completed ECAD audits benefit from custom recommendations for improving home energy efficiency. These upgrades can help you save energy and money while increasing comfort and indoor air quality.

With your custom upgrade recommendations, you can explore rebates and improvements available through Home Performance with ENERGY STAR. Attractive financing and an average of \$1,500 in rebates help cover the cost of upgrades to air conditioning and heating equipment, home weatherization measures and duct systems.

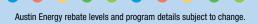
Austin Energy's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program includes quality assurance inspections and high standards for registered contractors who can approach your home with the expertise and experience needed to make a real difference in your comfort, your health and your wallet. These registered contractors follow a whole-home approach to address:

- Underperforming air conditioning systems
- Inefficient, leaky and/or poorly designed duct work
- Inadequate attic insulation levels
- Leaks in the shell of the home around doors and plumbing fixtures
- · Solar shading needs on windows

Visit **austinenergy.com/go/healthyhome** to access the registered contractor list or call 512-482-5346 for information on how to begin your Home Performance with ENERGY STAR upgrades.







ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND INCENTIVES FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT



Power PartnerSM Thermostat Program

Earn \$85 for each qualified Internet-connected thermostat you enroll in the Power Partner Thermostat program.

Solar Photovoltaics (PV)

Get rebate assistance for purchased on-site PV installation, warranty and 5-year maintenance. Average system size is 6kW. Since solar equipment leases are available from third parties, often with no upfront cost, they are not eligible for Austin Energy rebates.



Austin Energy Web App

Monitor your energy use from anywhere and receive important alerts to save on your bill. Log in by using your online City of Austin Utilities username and password at austinenergyapp.com today.

Variable-Speed Pool Pump and Motor

Install a qualified variable-speed pool pump to save energy and earn a \$300 rebate.



Instant Savings

Save while shopping for energy-efficient products at participating retailers. For a limited time, qualifying energy-saving items are eligible for instant in-store rebates at the cash register.

Look for the Austin Energy logo and "Instant Savings" on the store shelf labels. Visit **austinenergy.com/go/instantsavings** for a list of retailers and eligible products. Rebates vary by season.

Texas Gas Service

Gas furnace incentives and high-efficiency tank and tankless gas water heater rebates are available to Texas Gas Service customers. Visit **texasgasservice.com** or call 512-370-8243.

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