



# EnergySmart Colorado

at WALKING MOUNTAINS SCIENCE CENTER 

Energy Smart Colorado at Walking Mountains Science Center is a local non-profit, offering low-cost home energy assessments, free business site visits, energy coaching, and rebates. A free Home Energy Score is included with a full Energy Smart home assessment. And, we offer CARE - Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program, providing free home visits to income-qualified homes.

## Benefits of participation in Energy Smart Colorado?

- **Knowledge!** With an energy assessment, or business site visit, you gain valuable information about your property and about cost-effective energy improvements. We then provide ongoing energy coaching, helping you implement projects, and find qualified local contractors.
- **Safety!** During a home energy assessment an analyst tests the air quality of your home, checking for gas leaks & carbon monoxide. Free radon test kits are available at Walking Mountains in Avon.
- **Money!** After you've had a home energy assessment, or we have visited your business, you are eligible for Energy Smart rebates (and we can help with some local utility rebates too). Energy Efficiency Mortgages and Financing may also be available dependent upon qualifications.
- **Environment!** Buildings in the United States are the single largest emitter of carbon emissions. When improving efficiency in your home or business, you not only make it more comfortable and affordable, you also reduce the carbon footprint.
- **Quick Fixes!** At a home energy assessment we may provide some free instant "quick-fixes" which might include LED light bulbs, a programmable thermostat, pipe wrap, weatherstripping, or a water heater blanket; all helping you save money (and energy) right away.

**First step for homeowners?** Get an energy assessment! The Energy Smart home energy assessment is valued around \$400, but you can get one for \$100 (homes above 3,000 square feet or mechanically complex homes will incur additional costs). Find out online what to expect during an energy assessment (we use a blower door & infrared camera to analyze air leakage, you get a comprehensive report, and more); sign-up is easy: <http://www.energysmartcolorado.com/for-my-home-2/assessments-2/>.

**What is a Home Energy Score?** Depending on the type of home (condos and mobile homes excluded) a Home Energy Score is included with an Energy Smart home assessment. Basically this is a rating of a home's overall energy use, similar to a miles-per-gallon rating for your home; created by the Department of Energy. Learn more about Real Estate & the Home Energy Score at: [https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/Home%20Energy%20Score%20for%20Real%20Estate\\_0.pdf](https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/Home%20Energy%20Score%20for%20Real%20Estate_0.pdf) or visit: [www.betterbuildingsco.com](http://www.betterbuildingsco.com).

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