

Home Energy Assessment (HEA) Property Owner Authorization Form



The account holder must complete and sign this form including the Pre-Assessment Agreement prior to the Trade Ally beginning the Home Energy Assessment (HEA). If the account holder does not own the property, the owner or landlord must also sign and return this form before an HEA can be scheduled. Owner or account holder must sign the Post-Assessment Agreement once the assessment is complete. The Trade Ally will submit this form with all other required documentation after assessment is complete.

Once this form has been completed and signed by the account holder and/or property owner, please return to NIPSCO's Residential Energy Efficiency Program using the contact information at the end of this form.

Property Owner or Landlord Information			
Owner/landlord's first name:	Owner/landlord's last name:		
Owner/landlord's phone number:	Owner/landlord's email address:		
Account Information (where the HEA will take place)			
NIPSCO account holder's first name:	NIPSCO account holder's last name:		
Service address (of property):	City:	State:	Zip Code:
NIPSCO account number:	NIPSCO account holder's phone number:		

NIPSCO account holder's email address:

By signing this HEA Authorization Form, I give permission to NIPSCO's third party implementer, TRC and/or its program-approved Trade Allies, to conduct work as an independent contractor of TRC and to enter the above noted Property for the purpose of performing an HEA. Based upon the observations made during the HEA and the NIPSCO service provided at the home, TRC or its Trade Ally may perform and/or install any, all or none of the following energy-saving home measures (the "Work") at no cost to the property owner or account holder. HEA measures may include:

- ENERGY STAR[®] certified LED
- Duct sealing
- lighting (interior and/or exterior) Energy-efficient faucet aerators
- Water heater pipe wrap
- Energy-efficient showerheads
- Smart Wi-Fi thermostat*
- Outlet gaskets

* Customer must have working WiFi

Optional add-on measures: Based on the findings of the HEA, the property owner or landlord may pursue add-on measures at a later date. Add-on measures are incentivized at pre-determined, per-unit rates which may be up to the total cost of the measure. Pursuing add-on work is at the sole discretion of the property owner or landlord. If the property owner or landlord chooses to implement insulation and/or air sealing more than 30 days after the HEA was conducted but before the end of the 2025 program year, a licensed insulation contractor must be used and an instant discount incentive will be provided on the invoice. Qualified customers (i.e., property owner or landlord) may receive instant discounts up to a \$700 for insulation and up to \$200 for air sealing off the contractor invoice.

Residences are eligible for insulation if the current attic insulation is R-11 or lower and is increased to a level of R-38 or higher. The energy advisor conducting your home energy assessment will determine if you would benefit from air sealing through visual observation during the assessment and discuss with you, the owner or the landlord where any concerns may be. Air leaks can be felt and seen. Gaps in door frames, around windows and compromised home envelope are easily visible to a trained professional. When the air sealing is performed, an initial blower door test will be conducted to establish the baseline reading. This will expose major leaks, which are identified and corrected. The purpose of an air seal is to achieve a minimum reduction of 20% during the air seal, which is documented with a second blower door test post-air seal. The customer (i.e., property owner or landlord) can choose any licensed insulation contractor to implement insulation and/or air sealing. For more information, visit <u>NIPSCO.com/HEA</u>.

Pre-HEA Agreement

I understand that the specific items to be installed from the HEA measure list will be set forth in the Comprehensive Home Assessment (CHA) Report upon completion of the HEA and I hereby authorize the Trade Ally to install, at no cost to me, the selected energysaving measures at my property, as recommended in the CHA Report. I understand that NIPSCO, TRC and/or its Trade Allies do not offer warranties on any installed equipment or measures. Individual measures may have manufacturer warranties in effect and making claims under any manufacturer warranties is the sole responsibility of the property owner or landlord. Trade Allies may choose to offer warranties on add-on insulation measures, but that is at the sole discretion of the Trade Ally.

In consideration of the HEA and any work provided without charge to me, or optional add on measures, to the extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, release and waive any and all claims against NIPSCO and TRC with respect to claims or actions that relate to or arise from the HEA, CHA Report, the measures or the work.



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I understand that actual energy savings may differ from those estimated on the CHA Report due to variations in individual energy use habits, home characteristics and any applied energy-efficient measures. Energy savings are not guaranteed. By participating in the HEA Program, I agree to participate in any audit requested by NIPSCO or TRC as it pertains to the HEA program.

As part of the NIPSCO Residential Energy Efficiency Program's commitment to achieve realized electric and natural gas energy savings, all projects are subject to random inspections. If this service address is chosen for a random inspection, an inspector will visit the residence, ask several questions and perform a verification. Photos may be taken of the work performed. The following section must be completed before the assessment begins. By signing below, I agree to and accept the terms of this Authorization Form, including the Pre-Assessment Agreement section.

Account Holder Signature		
Account holder's signature:	Date:	

Print account holder's name:

Property Owner or Landlord Signature (must be completed if account holder is a tenant)		
Owner/landlord's signature:	Date:	
Print owner/landlord's name:		

The following section must be completed **AFTER** the HEA is conducted.

Post-Assessment Agreement - CUSTOMER PLEASE READ AND INITIAL THE FOLLOWING			
The findings of the Assessment have been discussed with me and explained in detail.	I have received an electronic copy of the CHA report on my personal device.		
All my questions about this assessment have been answered to my satisfaction.	I have received an electronic copy of my signed HEA Work Authorization Form.		
All measures included in the CHA report were adequately installed at the service address.	I am requesting a printed copy of the CHA report be sent within 30 days of assessment.		
I understand that by having an HEA conducted at my home, this service address will not be eligible for another HEA or Income Qualified Weatherization	I am requesting a printed copy of my signed HEA Work Authorization Form be sent within 30 days of assessment.		
assessment for a term of three (3) years. I understand that if this address is eligible for insulation and/or air sealing, I must have the work completed prior to the end of the program year in which the HEA was performed. The work must be completed by a licensed insulation contractor and the incentive will be provided as an instant discount on the invoice.	I understand that the current insulation level in my attic exceeds R-11, the minimum R-value required to receive an instant discount of up to \$700 on insulation installation through the HEA Program		
Property Owner or Account Holder Signature			

Owner/account holder's signature:

Date:

Print owner/account holder's name:

Please provide this completed and signed form to your HEA Trade Ally. In the event of a tenant requested HEA, the tenant and property owner or landlord must complete, sign and return this form in advance of scheduling the HEA. Return form to the NIPSCO Residential Energy Efficiency Programs using the information below:

Email (preferred): NIPSCO.SaveEnergy@TRCcompanies.com

Mail: Residential Energy Efficiency Programs c/o TRC PO Box 14237, Merrillville, IN 46411

Fax: 877-511-5032