

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

Kings County



"The contractors at the Association for Energy Affordability did a really professional job. They anticipated what questions we would have about the process and really took the time to help us understand. My home is more comfortable now and I know that I'm saving money."

Robert Schlossberg

Annual Savings: \$2,588
Payback Period: 4.9 years
Project Cost: \$12,639
Assisted Subsidy: \$5,055
Cost to Homeowner: \$7,584
Improvements: air sealing, improved insulation, repaired radiators, new bathroom fan

Robert Schlossberg's wood frame colonial style home in Brooklyn is over 100 years old and built with virtually no insulation. His utility bills were high and he was having trouble with heat distribution from room to room.

He was elated to discover the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program. He had a comprehensive home energy assessment done by the Association for Energy Affordability (AEA). Based on their findings, he had foam insulation blown into the walls and repairs done on his boiler and radiator. The assessment revealed that some mistakes had been made when the boiler was originally installed that impacted the unit's performance. The crew from AEA made sure the unit was properly installed then tested every radiator in the house and replaced parts where it was necessary.

The family could feel a difference immediately. They had the work done in the summer and found that the rooms stayed cooler longer with less air conditioning. They could actually feel that there was less air leaking out. When the winter came, the home was cozier than ever.

The next year gas prices went up by nearly 45 percent, but Schlossberg's bills actually went down. The family qualified for the Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program, which offers grants to make energy efficient home improvements more accessible to average families. The subsidy cut the cost of the improvements in half.

Take advantage of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program today and you could reduce your annual energy bill by up to 40 percent. Find a list of BPI Accredited contractors near you and learn about the financing options available. Call toll-free **1-877-NY-Smart** or visit **www.GetEnergySmart.org**.



The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority provides homeowners of one- to four-family homes with technical and financial assistance to improve the energy efficiency, health and safety, and overall comfort of their home.