



GreenDeed Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why did the Town and GV-HEAT start this program?

GreenDeed aligns elements of the Climate Action Plan, while simultaneously meeting the Town's affordable housing goals. The Climate Action Plan, adopted in 2019, outlined strategies to reduce building energy use within the Town of Crested Butte, which includes partnering with GV-HEAT a program of the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority to target more homes within the Town, and to develop an incentive program for energy efficiency improvements for deed restricted housing.

2. What's the catch?

There is no catch! GreenDeed will cover all assessment, reporting, and energy retrofit costs up to a cap of \$5,000 per home. All participants will be charged \$50, which will be cycled back into the GreenDeed program funding.

3. What improvements would the program include?

Energy efficiency upgrade work may include LED light bulbs, programmable thermostats, efficient sink aerators, air sealing, and insulation upgrades.

4. How does the retrofit work?

As part of the energy assessment that is conducted by an energy analyst, a report will outline recommended improvements that are prioritized by a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR). The SIR is determined by specific recommendations based on potential energy saved and cost of measure. GV-HEAT then works with retrofit contractors to develop the exact cost and type of retrofit up to \$5,000 (including assessment and reporting costs). GV-HEAT will discuss with the homeowner the suggested retrofit measures. Any additional measures beyond the \$5,000 cap may be implemented by the homeowner at their own cost. GV-HEAT then schedules the upgrades with a retrofit contractor. Following the retrofit, a post-blower door test will calculate actual air leakage reduction.

5. What happens during the home energy assessment?

A certified building analyst will visit your home and complete several tests including a blower door test and infrared photo analysis to identify air leakage in the home. Additionally, a combustion safety analysis will check your boiler or furnace for risk of carbon monoxide and detect gas line leaks inside and outside of the home. Through these tests and visual observations, a comprehensive report is generated which outlines opportunities for energy improvements that are specific to your home.





6. What will I receive in my report?

In addition to identifying issues of immediate health and safety concern, the detailed report outlines the current condition of your home and provides a list of recommended improvements that will save you money and energy use. Additionally, software modeling calculates the anticipated costs and estimated savings of the recommended measures. These suggested improvements are prioritized by a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR), which is based on the potential energy saved and cost of measure.

7. My home isn't deed restricted, can I still participate?

Unfortunately, you can only participate in the GreenDeed program if you are living in a deed-restricted home within the Town of Crested Butte town limits. For other program opportunities, please contact GV-HEAT at info@gvrha.org or 970-234-5613 to explore home energy efficiency services such as Energy Outreach Colorado's CARE program or Energy Smart Colorado's home energy assessment.

8. My deed-restricted home is relatively new construction, can I still participate?

Yes, please still apply! The energy assessment may find energy upgrade opportunities for your home. We may not reach the cap of investing \$5,000 into the home, but any improvement can help make your home more comfortable and affordable to live in.

9. How will you select the homes that are eligible to participate?

Homes will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Do not wait to submit your application! In case we will receive more applications than we have funding for, we will keep a waitlist until further funding is available.

10. How can I apply for the new rebates?

New in 2023! Thanks to a funding increase from the Town of Crested Butte, a new phase of GreenDeed is starting where homes who have participated in GreenDeed will be eligible to connect with a home energy consultant to identify additional energy efficiency, electrification, and renewable energy opportunities and may be eligible to receive a \$2,500 annual rebate to put towards making these improvements. If your home has already participated in the GreenDeed energy retrofits please reference the handout '2023 GreenDeed Rebate Opportunities' or contact GV-HEAT to learn more.

11. For more information

GV-HEAT – Gunnison Valley Home Energy Advancement Team. Scan the QR-Code below, email info@gvrha.org, call 970-234-5613 or sign up at https://energysmartcolorado.formstack.com/forms/greendeed_enrollment.

