

CHECKLIST: Planning & Engagement

INSTRUCTIONS

Review the current state of energy efficiency in housing

- Review Module 3: Taking Stock. ‘Where are we now with respect to energy efficient housing?’
- How much energy does your community’s homes use? Based on your data, estimate consumption per year per type of home (e.g. single family detached, row/townhome, apartment, mobile home, etc.). Consumption between homes can significantly vary depending on the condition, size and other characteristics of the home, number of occupants and occupant behaviours.

Engage the community in energy efficiency and planning

- Develop a handout for community members that show how much energy the homes in the community use every year and where the energy comes from. For BC Hydro customers, average costs of appliances in Zone 1 can be found at <https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/tools-and-calculators/cost-calculator.html>.
 - Show ways that people can save energy, while saving money and if your community relies heavily on fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gases.
- Make plans to host a community meeting to discuss energy efficiency goals. Think about an appropriate time to share this information when community members are already gathering.

Define the community’s goal: ‘Where do you want to go?’

- In a community meeting, set the stage for discussions on energy using your handouts, and information ways to save energy. Encourage discussion and ideas for saving energy in your community. Refer to the community energy planning hierarchy. Record these ideas.
- Set a goal for energy efficiency. For example, if your community relies on diesel generators to produce electricity or uses a lot of heating oil for furnaces, you may want to consider a goal like this: To reduce fossil fuel

consumption by 20% by 2020. It is important to include defined date and numbers so that along the way to 2020, your community can measure and see if there is progress being made.

Identify the path to achieve the goal:

- Review the suggestions and ideas from the community meeting. Identify common themes and group these ideas. Are the ideas/suggestions actions? Can the community feedback be further developed into actions that could be taken to achieve the goal?
- Refer to Module 4: Energy Efficiency in Existing Homes and Module 5: Energy Efficiency in New Homes for details on some common actions that promote energy efficiency in housing.
- In another community meeting, present your more details actions that will help achieve the community's goal. This may be part of a community energy plan.