



## Why should I choose a BPI Certified Professional to work on my home?

The different parts of your home — the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems (HVAC), insulation, exterior walls and ceilings, appliances, and lighting — all contribute to its comfort, health, safety, and energy efficiency.

BPI Certified Professionals are trained, tested, credentialed, and experienced in improving your home’s efficiency while also focusing on indoor air quality.

## What can I expect when I hire a BPI Certified Professional?

BPI Certified Professionals perform tests and provide solutions based on whole-house building science — how all the systems in your home work together.

To help make your home more comfortable, safe, and energy efficient, your BPI Certified Professional will provide the services and recommendations listed on the next page.



The **Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI)** is a national non-profit that develops the technical standards and professional certifications for home energy audits and energy efficiency, health, and safety improvements.

For more information, please visit **bpi.org** or **bpihomeowner.org**.



## Perform a home energy assessment

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BPI Certified Professionals start with a comprehensive home assessment, including an energy audit. This assessment identifies the causes of high energy bills, such as leaky gaps in walls or ducts, inadequate insulation, or poorly performing HVAC systems. Your BPI Certified Professional will conduct a blower door test to determine how leaky your home is and use diagnostic equipment to test your home's appliances, mechanical ventilation, and indoor air quality.

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## Review your assessment report

You will then receive an assessment report. This includes the improvements and retrofit measures that your BPI Certified Professional recommends. The report will indicate which measures will save you the most money and be the most beneficial for your home, according to your priorities.

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## Discuss the scope of work and contract

When you use your BPI Certified Professional to do the improvements, review the scope of work and contract in detail prior to signing. Make sure that you have a full understanding of the proposed work on your home.

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## Complete a final home energy assessment

After the improvements have been completed, your BPI Certified Professional will perform another blower door test and relevant diagnostic tests — this is called a “test out.” The test out ensures that the improvements made to your home's mechanical systems or building envelope were completed correctly. For BPI Certified Professionals, your health, safety and comfort are most important. Insist that your contractor does a test out.



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