

YOU QUALIFY IF:

1. Your home is heated with heating oil or liquid propane gas (LPG)
2. You own your home or are a tenant in a home where the owner would agree to this program (and the rental unit is attached to the owner's residence)
3. You are willing to have information about your heating energy use shared with other homeowners in Tompkins County

RUNNING THE NUMBERS:

Items	Cost
Cost of Efficiency Measures	\$3500
Cost of Pellet Stove	\$3500
<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>\$7000</i>
Cost Reductions*	
Federal Tax Credit	-\$1500
Rebate from Pilot Program	-\$500
Total Reductions	-\$2000
Low-Interest Loan Needed	\$5000
Annual Energy Savings	\$900/yr
Annual Payment on Loan**	\$580/yr

This is an average example. Some rates may be higher, some lower. There are homeowners who may qualify for a 50% subsidy off the total price.

* Other grants may be available

** Rate for a 10-year 3% \$5000 loan



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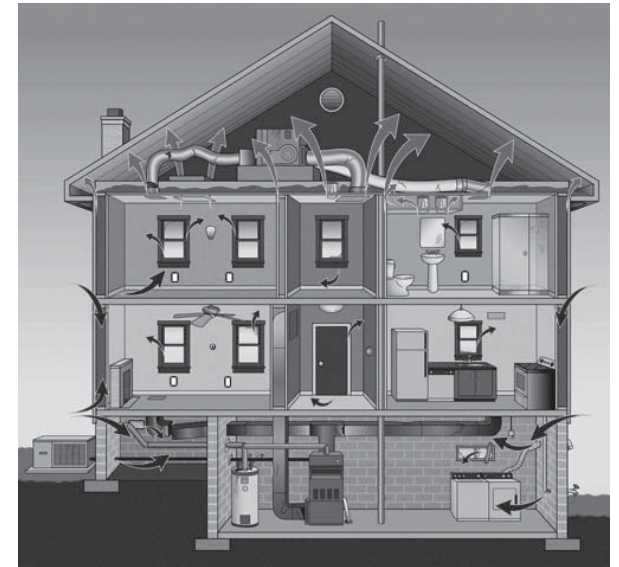
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County's mission is to strengthen youth, adults, families and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.



Ithaca Neighborhood HOUSING SERVICES

Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services is committed to building sustainable communities that benefit residents of all incomes and housing tenures. INHS works throughout Tompkins County to create safe, affordable and energy-efficient homes that form the foundation for sustainable living.

If you heat your home with propane or oil, **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** and **ITHACA NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES** want to help you *save on heating costs.*



We're rolling out a *pilot program* that could cut your heating bills in half...

By offering very-low-interest financing for home improvements aimed at energy efficiency and direct incentives for purchasing a pellet stove, you could *lower your heating needs and move from the **costliest** fuels to one of the **cheapest**.*

THE APPROACH IS SIMPLE:

1. Use proven energy efficiency retrofitting techniques such as air-sealing and insulation to reduce your home's overall heat requirement.
2. Install a pellet stove sized to meet your home's new heat requirement.
3. Live more comfortably and save money!

You may be surprised by how much you'll be able to cut your home's heat requirement just by weather-stripping around windows and doors, air sealing around other critical areas, and adding insulation to your roof, basement, and walls.

Over the past decade, the costs of oil and propane have steadily risen overall, with dramatic periodic fluctuations. Meanwhile, the cost of wood pellets has remained stable and very predictable.

Instead of relying on that oil or liquid propane (LPG) furnace, you'll be able to comfortably heat with a pellet stove—allowing you to take advantage of a safe, clean-burning, renewable, locally sourced fuel that is far cheaper than oil or LPG.

THE PROGRAM

- Starting with an energy audit, certified contractors will identify where your biggest energy savings can come from. We will help you select your certified contractor.
- When you are ready to have the work done, we can offer you a 5- to 10-year loan with 3% interest rates—low enough that your loan payments will be less than what you are saving through this program. If you've already had energy-efficiency work done on your house, you may still qualify for the next steps...
- You will receive a \$500 rebate on a new pellet stove, professional advice to make sure it is sized appropriately for your needs, and follow-up consultation on its use and care for one year.
- You will have the opportunity to receive delivery of bulk or bagged pellets at a guaranteed below-market price for up to two years.
- You will have access to knowledgeable, experienced staff from INHS and CCETC to work with you every step of the way.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County and Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services have partnered to pilot a program to see just how much the combination of weatherization and switching from oil or LPG to wood pellets can save the average homeowner. We know the savings can be significant, but **we need you to help us find out just how big!**

This program could save you up to 60% of the total cost of making your home more energy efficient, while dramatically reducing your monthly heating bills forever. Of course, the pellet stove is yours to keep. All we ask is that you provide us with the information we need to show other people just how effective this program can be.

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