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Dear Borrower(s):

Congratulations on your recent home purchase. We are glad that MaineHousing financing helped make homeownership possible for you – and we are pleased to make you an additional benefit of a coupon worth up to \$500 for a 2-part energy audit of your home:

- Up to \$350 for a Maine certified energy auditor to identify cost-effective energy improvements that can make your home more affordable to live in and heat.
- Up to \$150 for a Maine certified energy auditor to reevaluate your home after energy improvements are made to evaluate your energy savings.

The energy audit must be performed by a Maine certified energy auditor, appearing on the list located at mainehousing.org/energyauditservices.aspx. As with hiring any contractor, be sure to ask about their experience and check references before making your selection.

Why should I have an energy audit?

Homeowners who make improvements identified in a Maine certified energy audit may reduce energy consumption by 15% to 20% annually. A Maine certified energy auditor will help you identify home energy improvements that will provide the most energy savings per dollar spent.

We hope that after you take advantage of the initial home energy audit, you will choose to invest in home energy efficiency improvements so that your home will be more affordable for the long term.

One option for funding home energy improvements is the federal tax credit for first time homebuyers. Information is available from IRS publication 5405 (on the web at <http://irs.gov/pub/irs-prd/f5405.pdf>). If you are eligible for this tax credit of up to \$8,000, we hope that you will consider using some of it to invest in home energy improvements – so that you can benefit from energy cost savings every year you are in your home.

When you invest in home energy efficiency improvements, you may qualify for up to \$1,500 in additional tax credits. See <http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits> for details.

An energy efficient home is a more affordable home. I hope this Gift of Green can help you make your home more affordable.

Sincerely,

Dale McCormick
Director
MaineHousing

Enclosures



Gift of Green Energy Audit Coupon # _____

Energy Audit Part 1: Home energy evaluation to identify energy improvements that can make your home more affordable to live in and heat.

Valued up to \$350

Borrower(s) name:
Mailing address:
Property address:

- I have received and am satisfied with the quality of the Energy Audit. I paid for the audit in advance and am requesting a reimbursement.
- I have received and am satisfied with the quality of the Energy Audit and authorize MaineHousing to make payment to the approved Maine certified energy auditor.

Borrower authorization _____

Date _____

Energy auditing company: _____
Mailing address: _____

- I have performed and delivered an Energy Audit for the property listed herein.

Maine certified energy auditor _____

Date _____

Issue date:
Expiration date: 12/31/2010



Instructions for Gift of Green Home Energy Audit Coupon redemption

The coupon may be redeemed only for work performed by a Maine certified energy auditor from the list located at mainehousing.org/energyauditservices.aspx. Please note that MaineHousing does not recommend, endorse or warrant the work of any companies, agencies or individuals on the list. As with hiring any contractor, be sure to ask about their experience and check their references.

The coupon may be redeemed by either the homeowner or the energy auditor.

If the homeowner chooses to pay the energy auditor directly and redeem the coupon for reimbursement:

1. Homeowner fills in the coupon with the name and address of the Maine certified energy auditor who performed the audit.
2. Homeowner signs the coupon authorization that the audit was satisfactorily performed and that you have paid the auditor for the work performed.
3. Homeowner includes a copy of the paid invoice for the audit performed.
4. Homeowner sends the coupon and invoice to MaineHousing's Homeownership Department at 353 Water Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

If the homeowner provides the coupon to a Maine certified energy auditor who agrees to accept the coupon as payment:

1. Homeowner fills in the coupon with the name and address of the Maine certified energy auditor who performed the audit.
2. Homeowner signs the coupon authorization that the audit was satisfactorily performed and the auditor should be paid.
3. Auditor includes a copy of the invoice for the audit performed.
4. Auditor provides a W-9 form, if the auditor does not already have one on file with MaineHousing.
5. Auditor sends the coupon, invoice, and W-9 (if not already on file) to MaineHousing's Homeownership Department at 353 Water Street, Augusta, ME 04330.



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Energy Audit Part 2: Reevaluation after home energy improvements are made.

Valued up to \$150

Borrower(s) name:
Mailing address:
Property address:

- I have received and am satisfied with the quality of the Energy Audit. I paid for the audit in advance and am requesting a reimbursement.
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Borrower authorization _____

Date _____

Energy auditing company: _____
Mailing address: _____

- I have performed and delivered an Energy Audit for the property listed herein.

Maine certified energy auditor _____

Date _____

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