GEORGIA POWER

Energy Assessment & Solutions Program



Georgia Power's <u>Energy Assessment & Solutions Program</u> (EASP) assists income-eligible customers with energy savings through education and free home-efficiency improvements. Qualifying customers receive a complimentary in-home assessment to identify potential energy-saving opportunities, followed by home-energy improvements performed by a program contractor. Georgia Power's <u>Home Energy Improvement Program</u> is also open to multifamily customers.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Multifamily program, the following must apply:

- Must have an active account with Georgia Power.
- The building must have 3 or more units.
- Property is income eligible based on meeting one of the following criteria:
 - Privately-owned multifamily housing that qualifies for the low-income housing tax credit or other similar form of public subsidy.
 - Privately-owned multifamily housing in a census tract that qualifies for the New Markets Tax Credit and in which at least half of the units have rent at or below 80% of the fair market rent, as published by HUD.
 - Publicly-owned multifamily housing, typically operated by a large public housing authority.
 - Multifamily properties at which a dominant percent of units are occupied by households with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty guideline.
- The tenant of multifamily units must receive the financial benefit of the reduction in energy costs after participation.

AVAILABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ITEMS

The program includes a whole building energy assessment to look for opportunities to save energy. Following the assessment, each unit may be eligible for applicable energy improvements at no cost to the property owner or tenant - up to \$3,500 per unit. These measures may include:

- Air Sealing
- Attic Insulation
- Water Heater Insulation Jackets
- Pipe Wrapping
- HVAC Assessment
- LED Light Bulbs
- Smart Programmable Thermostats
- Heating and cooling system repairs

Benchmarking - Georgia Power's <u>Automated Benchmarking Tool</u> provides eligible property owners with aggregate electricity usage data. This enables property owners to track property-level usage and can guide investments that lower operating expenses and improve residents' health and comfort.







STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

- 1. Contact the program through one of the methods listed in "How to Apply" below.
- 2. The owner will be assigned a point of contact. This person will aid in scheduling the assessment, filing paperwork, and performing the building energy assessment.
- 3. Contractor conducts property audit and issues report.
- 4. The owner will have the option to install Phase 1 direct-install measures including [LED light bulbs, night light, electric water heater wrap, pipe wrap, smart thermostat (if qualified)]. Phase 1 direct-install measures are provided to each unit at no upfront cost.
- 5. The contractor who will install the measures will be pre-selected by Georgia Power.
- 6. Customer receives completed property audit report within 7 days after verification by field representative.
- 7. Within 14 days, the program administrator will contact participating owners for optional Phase II (Air sealing, attic insulation, HVAC repair).
- 8. Contractor coordinates bids and hires contractors to perform Phase 2 work.

Utility programs like EASP can empower property owners to reduce both operations and maintenance costs and the energy burden for residents. At Willow Branch Apartments, the asset manager saw the need to help residents lower their utility bills. EASP provided an easy way to do so, and they were able to upgrade all residents' lighting LEDs and to add insulation.



"It's really, really encouraging to go back after we've done this project, and for residents to come up to you and say, 'You have no idea how much you have saved us on our bills.""

Melissa Gamble, TI Asset Management

Learn more about the impact of EASP on Georgia property owners and residents by visiting the <u>Energy Efficiency for All</u> website.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply Online here
By Phone: 833.347.5433



