

INSIDE THE STEP 3 HOME

Six strategies to boost energy-efficiency performance

BOOST INSULATION

To reduce heat loss, increase insulation in walls, floors, roof, and foundation.



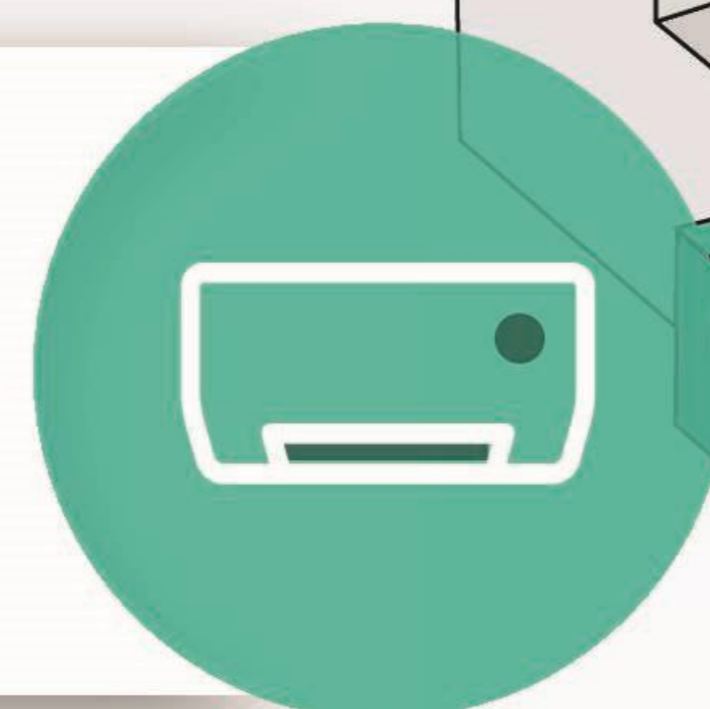
VENTILATE SMARTLY

Bring plenty of fresh air into the home and recover heat from the exhaust air leaving the building.



MIND YOUR MACHINES

Specify efficient appliances, and ensure your heating system will meet – but not exceed – the home's needs.



MINIMIZE THERMAL BRIDGES

A break in your insulation acts like a bridge that carries heat straight out of the house. Take care with corners, junctions, gaps and studs!



SEAL IT UP

Air leaks are heat leaks. Wrap the home tightly, taking care to seal around ducts, pipes, fixtures, and wires that pass through walls, ceilings, and roof.



THINK ABOUT DOORS & WINDOWS

Carefully consider their energy performance, size, and location.

