

# Insulation tips: Test your renovation intelligence

A growing number of Canadians are undertaking home improvement projects and are learning a variety of renovation skills. Upgrading household insulation is one of the simplest do-it-yourself projects, but how much do Canadians know about insulation? Take the following quiz and test your insulation IQ:

- What are the benefits of a well-insulated home?
  - Energy savings – insulation helps to reduce energy bills
  - Peace and quiet – acoustical insulation can significantly reduce household noise
  - Year-round comfort – a well insulated home stays warmer in winter and cooler in the summer
  - All of the above
- What areas of the home can benefit from added insulation?
  - Attics and basements
  - Crawl spaces
  - Around pipes and ducts
  - All of the above
- The key raw materials for the production of FIBERGLAS insulation are:
  - Sand and recycled glass
  - Hard plastic and sand
  - Recycled glass and metal
  - Metal and hard plastic
- R-Value is the measurement of:
  - The weight of insulation
  - The insulation's resistance to heat flow
  - The age of insulation
  - The cost of insulation
- What are the basic tools required when insulating?
  - Drill, screwdriver, and meter stick
  - Hammer, nails, shovel, and helmet
  - Utility knife, straightedge, tape measure, hammer and fasteners
  - Chain saw, wrench, Allen keys, and bandaids
- By properly insulating their attic and uninsulated basement, Canadian homeowners can save up to \_\_\_% on their energy bills\*.
  - 5%
  - 10%
  - 20%
  - 30%
- Once installed, insulation will provide energy savings for:
  - 5 years
  - 10 years
  - 22 years
  - The life of the home

- Whether you are a guru of renovation or an inspired novice, upgrading household insulation is a simple and rewarding project. For more information about the benefits of household insulation or renovation ideas, call 1-800-GET-PINK, or visit [www.owen-scoring.ca](http://www.owen-scoring.ca).
- Insulation IQ answers: 1 d, 2 d, 3 a, 4 b, 5 c, 6 d, 7 d
- \*According to the Government of Canada, you can reduce your home's heating and cooling costs by up to 30%. Learn more at <http://www.climatechange.gc.ca>.
- Savings vary depending on the original amount of insulation in your home, climate, house size, air leaks, and personal energy use and living habits.

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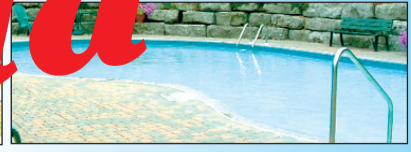
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