







# Questions to ask for your eco-friendly renovation

Who do I involve?	What is their role?	Questions to ask them
 <b>Energy advisor</b>	<p>A certified Energy Advisor will help you identify inefficiencies in your home (like poor insulation, cracks, old appliances, etc.), and show you what changes can be made based on your goals and budget.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where am I losing heat in my home?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What are the most impactful changes I can make within my budget to improve energy efficiency?</li> </ul>
 <b>Architect</b>	<p>An architect can tell you how you can maximize the energy flow in your home. They'll also advise you on any structural changes required, since some energy retrofits (like expanding your walls to add insulation) might involve adjusting the layout of your home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Are my walls and ceilings thick enough to accommodate additional insulation and/or new ducting, or do they need to be adjusted?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Would heating and cooling efficiency be improved by (re)moving walls?</li> </ul>
 <b>Contractor</b>	<p>Your contractor's job is to implement the changes that you, your Energy Advisor and architect have agreed upon. Depending on their experience with green retrofits, your contractor might be well-versed with relevant energy efficiency standards and can also advise on the benefits of different technologies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How many heat pumps are needed for space heating/cooling to my home based on, for example, the local climate? What type would I need?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What are the economics of installing heat pumps versus a high-efficiency natural gas furnace?</li> </ul>
 <b>Environmental consultant</b>	<p>Making eco-friendly retrofits to your home may include the use of technologies (like heat pumps) that haven't yet been widely installed. An environmental consultant can help you identify the benefits, considerations, and costs in accordance with your home and budget.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do I need to upgrade my insulation or windows?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is installing electric water heating an option for my home?</li> </ul>
 <b>Developer</b>	<p>For newly constructed buildings, your developer might offer options for high efficiency or zero-emission appliances. Consider which option in your budget aligns with your emission reduction goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What options are available to me for high efficiency or zero-emission appliances?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What options are available to improve energy performance of my home (e.g., double or triple layered windows)?</li> </ul>
 <b>The bank</b>	<p>Our commitment is to be our clients' lead partner in the transition to a net-zero world. We'll help you navigate your journey towards green home upgrades with home-financing options that work best for you.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What home financing options are available to help me fund eco-friendly renovations in my home?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have a mortgage and I am looking to fund my eco-friendly renovations. What are my options?</li> </ul>