



Customer Consent to Obtain Household Energy Information

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) works with partners to finance housing opportunities and revitalize great places for Maryland citizens to live, work and prosper. As part of this mission, DHCD has a number of programs that are geared towards making Maryland homes and businesses more comfortable, efficient, and affordable through energy savings measures.

WHY WE NEED A RELEASE – For our energy efficiency programs to be successful, DHCD will need to compare energy usage before and after the efficiency improvements. To understand how effective these measures are in reducing your energy bills, we will need access to actual energy usage data for your home, as well as data on energy saving measures installed in your home. This data will allow us to more accurately personalize energy savings estimates for home energy improvements provided by participating contractors, ensure that installed measures are delivering the expected energy savings, and allow us to provide feedback to you on energy reductions. This data will also be used by the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) and our own program research staff for program evaluation purposes. We take the security and privacy of your information very seriously. We will never sell, rent, or otherwise release personal data to outside parties.

Utility and Energy Supplier Information

Gas Utility: _____ **Account #:** _____

Electric Utility: _____ **Account #:** _____

Other Fuel Supplier: _____ **Oil** **Propane** **Account #:** _____

Utility and Energy Supplier and Program Information Release

ENERGY USAGE INFORMATION RELEASE – As the account holder, I hereby authorize and give permission to the utilities and fuel or energy suppliers named above to release account and energy usage information (including my name, address, account number, and usage or consumption information) to DHCD, for confidential use in connection with calculating energy savings estimates and evaluating the effectiveness of the program. This permission is given for the monthly and total amount of energy used by my household.

PROGRAM DATA RELEASE – As a participant in a DHCD program, I hereby authorize DHCD to access my program data and release it to DOE for confidential use in connection with calculating energy savings estimates and evaluating the effectiveness of its program.

RELEASE PERIOD – This authorization covers the period starting 24 months before the date below and ending 24 months after the date below. I may revoke this authorization by written notice to Community Development Administration, Maryland DHCD, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21108.

CONSENT – I understand and agree that my account information (including my name, address, account number, and usage or consumption information) will be provided to DHCD by the above-named utilities and fuel or energy suppliers for the sole and limited purpose of evaluating energy conservation measures. DHCD and DOE will protect the confidentiality of this information the same as it does for their own customer or other confidential information. By signing this release, I authorize the above-named utilities and fuel or energy suppliers to release my customer account information to DHCD and for DHCD to release this information to DOE. An electronic copy of this authorization may be accepted with the same authority as the original.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Utility Service Address (if different): _____

