

Residential Energy Efficiency Resources

Online Home Energy Calculators

ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick.

Compare your home's energy efficiency to similar homes across the country and get recommendations for energy-saving home improvements.

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home_energy_yardstick.showStep2

Home Energy Saver. Energy audit tool that will provide a complete picture of all energy-consuming equipment in your home.

<http://hes.lbl.gov/>

Online Publications and Guidance

A Do-It-Yourself Guide to ENERGY STAR

Home Sealing. ENERGY STAR, September 2006.

http://www.energystar.gov/ia/home_improvement/home_sealing/DIY_COLOR_100_dpi.pdf

A Guide to Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling. ENERGY STAR, May 2005.

http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/heat_cool/GUIDE_2COLOR.pdf

Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings.

256 pp., illustrated, 2007, \$16.95. The website



provides a "Condensed Online Guide." American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, 1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20036. Call (202) 429-0063 or Fax (202) 429-0193.

<http://aceee.org/consumerguide/index.htm>

Efficient Windows Collaborative. Information on choosing energy efficient windows.

<http://www.efficientwindows.org/>

EnergyIdeas Clearinghouse Publications.

Several publications are on residential topics.

<http://www.energyideas.org/about/default.cfm?o=h,a,as&c=z,z,96>

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Energy Saver\$ Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home. U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, January 2006. For free hard copy call (877) 337-3463 or email eereic@ee.doe.gov.
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/pdfs/energy_savers.pdf

ENERGY STAR Qualified Manufactured Homes. ENERGY STAR, April 2006.
http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/downloads/consumer_brochure_manuf.pdf

GreenerChoices.org. How to make environmentally wise choices and purchases. Resources include calculators, product directories and ratings. From the non-profit publisher of *Consumer Reports*.
<http://www.greenerchoices.org/>

Home Power Magazine. Articles and publications on home installation of solar, wind, and hydro power-generating systems.
<http://www.homepower.com/>

Mechanical Ventilation: Breathe Easy with Fresh Air in the Home. ENERGY STAR.
http://www.energystar.gov/ia/new_homes/features/MechVent_062906.pdf

Northwest ENERGY STAR. Information on utility incentives and ENERGY STAR homes and products in the Pacific Northwest.
<http://www.northwestenergystar.com/>

PowerSmart: The Power is in Your Hands - Save Energy | Save Money | Save the Planet. Alliance to Save Energy, 2005. For free hard copy (shipping and handling charge applies), call (202) 857-0666.
http://www.ase.org/uploaded_files/powersmart/PowerSmartBklt-web.pdf

This Old House. Website includes tips on energy-efficiency and "going green."
<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/>

Will Your New Home Really Be Energy Efficient? Checklist of questions to ask your builder. ENERGY STAR.
http://www.energystar.gov/ia/new_homes/Checklist8x14.pdf

Federal Information Resources

EERE Consumer Site. Information about home energy efficiency. (877) 337-3463.
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/>
Email: eereic@ee.doe.gov

EnergyStar. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides information on energy saving products and vendors that display the ENERGY STAR label. (888) 782-7937.
<http://www.energystar.gov/>
Email: Info@energystar.gov

Environmental Protection Agency. Information about fluorescent lighting (including CFL) disposal and site cleanup.
<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm>

Utility Companies

Utilities offer customer service and may offer technical assistance. Call the number listed on your utility bill or find your utility's website at
<http://www.energyideas.org/pages/default.cfm?o=h,ps&c=z,46>

State Energy Offices

Publications, training and education, and community events. Possibly research, financial, or technical assistance.

IDAHO: Office of Energy Resources, (800) 334-7283 or (208) 287-4800
<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/energy/>

MONTANA: Department of Environmental Quality, (406) 444-6864
<http://www.deq.state.mt.us/ppa>

OREGON: Department of Energy, (800) 221-8035 or (503) 378-4040
<http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/>

WASHINGTON: Washington State University Extension Energy Program, (360) 956-2076
<http://www.energy.wsu.edu>

State Public Service Commissions

These state agencies regulate investor-owned gas, electric, and telecommunication utilities.

IDAHO: Public Utilities Commission,
(208) 334-0300
<http://www.puc.state.id.us>

MONTANA: Public Service Commission,
(406) 444-6199
<http://www.psc.state.mt.us/>

OREGON: Public Utility Commission,
(800) 522-2404
<http://www.puc.state.or.us>

WASHINGTON: Utilities and Transportation
Commission, (800) 562-6150
<http://www.wutc.wa.gov/>

Resources for Low-Income Energy-Related Assistance

Local agencies may provide temporary assistance, furnace repair, weatherization, and education. Contact your local **Community Action Agency** (check the Yellow Pages under “Social Service Organizations” or the Blue Pages under “County” section). If you cannot find a local office, contact your state office listed below. For information about the national **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program** (LIHEAP), call (877) 337-3463.
<http://liheap.ncat.org/>

IDAHO: Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, Weatherization & Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (208) 334-5730.
<http://www.idahocommunityaction.org/>

MONTANA: Department of Public Health and Human Services, Weatherization Assistance, (406) 444-1788. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (800) 332-2272.
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/energyassistance/index.shtml>

OREGON: Housing and Community Services, Weatherization Assistance, (503) 986-2016. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (800) 453-5511.
http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/SOS_LowIncomeWeatherization.shtml

WASHINGTON: Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Weatherization Assistance, (360) 725-2950. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (360) 725-2854.
http://www.cted.wa.gov/portal/alias__CTED/lang__en/tabID__502/DesktopDefault.aspx

Regional Resources

EnergyIdeas Clearinghouse, (800) 872-3568
<http://www.EnergyIdeas.org>
Email: Info@EnergyIdeas.org

City of Portland, Oregon
Office of Sustainable Development, (503) 823-7222
<http://www.sustainableportland.org>

Climate Solutions
Seattle, WA – (206) 443-9570
Olympia WA – (360) 352-1763
<http://www.climatesolutions.org>

National Center for Appropriate Technology,
Butte, Montana, (406) 494-4572
<http://www.ncat.org>

Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance,
Northwest ENERGY STAR,
(800) 411-0834 or (503) 827-8416
http://www.nwalliance.org/ourwork/ourwork_bysector.aspx?sector=residential

Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency

Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency. Choose a state from the map to list incentives available in that state.
<http://www.dsireusa.org>

Special Offers and Rebates. Enter your zip code to find out if there are any special offers or rebates currently available on ENERGY STAR qualified products in your area.
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=rebate.rebate_locator

The Tax Incentives Assistance Project (TIAP).
<http://www.energytaxincentives.org/consumers/>

Public Libraries

Most libraries have good consumer information on energy use. They can also introduce you to the Internet, and help you find useful sites.

The *EnergyIdeas* Clearinghouse provides information on a broad range of energy technologies. *EnergyIdeas* is operated by the WSU Extension Energy Program and sponsored by regional utilities through the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.

Web: www.EnergyIdeas.org

Regional Hotline: 1-800-872-3568

Email: Info@EnergyIdeas.org

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