

Web-based Home Energy Audit



Visit Touchstone Energy's website at www.touchstoneenergysavers.com and click on energy efficiency program and home energy audit. The Home Energy Savings quickly calculates

home energy use based on a detailed description of a home, its appliances and geographic location. All energy applications, such as heating, cooling, lighting, etc., are included in the calculation. Based on the findings, members are able to estimate how much energy they can save by implementing energy efficiency improvements. The Home Energy Savings calculates heating and cooling consumption for numerous climate zones across the country, drawing data from 350 weather stations nationwide.

Additional Resources

Visit the following websites for more energy saving ideas:

www.dairynet.com
www.energyguide.com
www.eia.doe.gov
www.nfec.org

Use Energy Wisely and *12 Easy Ways to Save Energy* brochures are available at Barron Electric free of charge. Please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail barronec@barronelectric.com.



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Make the Switch to CFLs and LED Christmas Lighting

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) use up to 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light and last up to 10 times longer. Call Barron Electric to find out how to receive a \$2 electric bill credit per bulb for purchasing up to 5 CFLs. Offer ends December 15, 2007.

Save money with Light Emitting Diode (LED) Christmas lights, which use up to 90% less energy. A \$2 per string credit is available through January 15, 2008. Conditions apply.



Save Money on Heating Costs

- ▶ Just a few degrees change in temperature levels can make a big difference in the amount of energy used. Try setting the thermostat between 66-68 degrees during the heating season. Make changes gradually, 1 or 2 degrees a week. This gives people a chance to adjust nicely to the new temperature levels.
- ▶ Remembering to adjust temperature controls when nobody will be home is an excellent way to save energy dollars. Remember, it does not use more energy to bring the home back to the desired temperature, once it has cooled down or heated up substantially, than it does to keep it at that temperature level.
- ▶ If a room is not in use, don't heat it more than necessary.
- ▶ Let the sun help heat a home in cold weather.

Keep the Cold Air Outside This Winter

- ▶ Seal leaks between moving parts with weather stripping, such as between a door and its frame. Caulk cracks between windows and walls, as well as around door frames.
- ▶ Have your furnace checked by a professional to make sure it's operating safely and at its optimal level. In addition, change your furnace filters monthly.

Save Money with Electronics

Many home electronic products with clock displays and remote controls provide "instant on" features. Even when they are powered off, they use energy. Electronics that have earned the Energy Star label use as much as 50% less energy to perform these functions.

Save Money in the Kitchen

- ▶ Plan meals so several things can cook at the same time in the oven. Avoid opening the oven door until the food is done.
- ▶ Baking or microwaving defrosted food uses one-third less energy than starting with frozen food.



Save Money in the Laundry Room

Besides cleaning the lint filter after every load, make sure to dry full loads of clothes without overloading.