What is Home Performance? THE WHOLE-HOUSE APPROACH TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES



WHAT IS HOME PERFORMANCE?

Home Performance is a comprehensive "whole-house" approach to upgrading home energy efficiency and interior comfort.

Home Performance contractors are trained to provide a full range of energy-related home improvements, including insulation, furnace and air conditioner upgrades, and energy-efficient lighting and appliances.

Identifying and repairing the root cause of energy waste, cold drafts and musty smelling air will help you lower your monthly utility bills while increasing comfort, health, and long term value of your home.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Every Home Performance upgrade begins with a thorough home inspections and evaluation of current household energy use. Based on this initial evaluation, your contractor will propose various help you choose the most appropriate solutions for your home

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For most homeowners, even a modest investment in insulations, caulking and other basic upgrades can deliver significant energy savings and make your home a more comfortable place to live year-round.

HOW MUCH ENERGY WILL I SAVE?

Most American homes waste 20 to 40 percent or more of the energy they consume. Much of this waste can be eliminated through simple, cost-effective home improvement measures that will save you money.

The amount you save will depend on where you live, how efficient is your home now and what upgrade measures you choose. Ask your Home Performance contractor to provide estimates of predicted energy savings for various upgrade packages before you decidee to invest.



HOW DO I GET STARTED?

The first step is to go to www.getenergysmart.org to qualify for a free or reduced cost residential energy audit. Then schedule a home energy assesment by R. McLagan, Inc., a certified Home Performance contractor who meets strict technical and business standards to assure quality work and reliable results. Staff has Building Analyst and Envelope Professional certification credentials.

THE BENEFITS OF IMPROVED HOME PERFORMANCE

Increased Comfort and Health

Home Performance improvements can lead to cleaner air, consistent heating and cooling, and reduction of moisturerelated mold problems.

Lower Energy Bills

Insulation, caulking and other affordable efficiency upgrades can reduce energy waste in homes.

A Cleaner Environment

Using energy More efficiently is a cost-effective way to keep the environment clean.

Enhanced Home Value

Improved Home Performance can reduce maintenance cost, improve durability and make your home more attractive to future buyers.

REBATES AND OTHER INCENTIVES

Most homeowners have access to a variety of rebates, tax credits and / or low interest finiancing options for home energy upgrades. Go to www.getenergysmart.org - For details click on "homeowners".

ENERGY UPGRADES ARE GOOD FOR AMERICA

Improving the efficiency of American homes is one of the most cost-effective ways to scale back harmful greenhouse gas emissions and reduce our nation's dependence on costly energy imports. Efficiency upgrades also support domestic job creation in construction and manufacturing, and extends the impact of investments in sources of clean and renewable energy.

ABOUT EFFICIENCY FIRST

Efficiency First is a national nonprofit trade association that unties Home Performance contractors and related businesses and organizations in the escalating fight against rising energy costs.

Learn more at efficiencyfirst.org

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