

Tips TO MAKE YOUR HOME ENERGY EFFICIENT

Save Money and Reduce your Impact on Global Warming



FIRST STEP: PROFESSIONAL ENERGY AUDIT

Energy audits assess the energy usage in your home to help you understand how to reduce your energy costs. Typical audits cost between \$400-\$700, but PPL electric heat customers can receive a \$250 rebate and non-electric heat customers can receive a \$100 rebate. PPL customers should call 1-800-Dial PPL or go to www.pplelectric.com to get an audit. Low-income Lancaster customers can qualify for **FREE ENERGY AUDITS** and weatherization services at the Housing Development Corporation in Lancaster (see below HDC article). Don't forget to also visit www.energystar.gov for online energy conservation tools, including a list of energy-efficient products.

LANCASTER SOLUTIONS

HDC's Weatherization Program

This state and federally funded program provides home weatherization to homeowners and renters who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (income of \$15,600 for one, then add \$5,400 for each additional family member). Services include a **free energy audit**, air sealing, weather-stripping, insulation, and window/door repairs. Call the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) at (800) 732-3554 for more information.



PA Sunshine Program

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Solar Program will provide \$100 million in rebates to help fund solar electric (solar photovoltaic or PV) and solar hot water (solar thermal) projects for homeowners and small businesses. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis to approved applicants. Low-income residents can qualify for additional incentives. Income limits are \$23,110 for a household of one, \$30,221 for two, \$37,332 for three, \$44,443 for four, and up to \$64,200 for 10. For more information, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us/pasunshine or call (717) 783-8411.



Keystone HELP Program

Pennsylvania offers a special loan and rebate program, called Keystone HELP, for energy efficiency home improvements, such as AC systems, heat pumps, and furnaces, for households with income of \$150,000 or less. For more information, including all eligible projects, call (888) 232-3477 or visit www.keystonehelp.com.

Lancaster Energy Conservation Center

The Community Action Program (CAP) of Lancaster County's Energy Conservation Center operates the Pennsylvania Low Income Usage Reduction (LIURP) program to assist low-income residential customers in conserving energy and reducing their utility bills. LIURP's income limits are \$16,245 for a household of one and add \$5,610 for each additional person. The center also oversees the weatherization program for the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority, PPL, and UGI. For more information and to apply, call CAP at (717) 492-0102.

Please call Rep. Sturla's office at (717) 295-3157 with any questions or comments regarding the above programs.



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WANT TO CUT YOUR ENERGY BILL?

CONSERVE!

Use these easy tips to save energy and money.

● Buy ENERGY STAR electronics and appliances.

- The ENERGY STAR seal means the product has met strict energy-efficiency criteria set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.



DID YOU KNOW?...

ENERGY STAR has approved products in more than 50 categories, including lighting, consumer electronics and appliances.

● Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.

- Compact fluorescent bulbs use less energy and last six to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Replacing your five most frequently used incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR lights can save more than \$60 a year in energy costs.

● Turn off lights and electronics when you leave a room.

DID YOU KNOW?...

You can save \$15 per year by turning off just one 60-watt incandescent bulb.

● Find and seal air leaks.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Ensuring that your house is properly insulated can save up to 10 percent on your energy bills each year.

● Get a system check-up on your heating and cooling systems.

- Maintain the systems by changing filters as recommended – usually once a month.

DID YOU KNOW?...

The average family spends \$1,900 a year on energy bills, and nearly half of that amount goes to heating and cooling.

● Install a programmable thermostat.

- Programmable thermostats allow you to set your thermostat to turn down air conditioning or heating when you leave for work, are asleep, or go on vacation to use less energy when you don't need to.

DID YOU KNOW?...

You can save up to \$180 per year by using a thermostat properly.

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