

Tax Credits

A variety of tax credits are available for energy efficiency from the federal government for tax years 2009 and 2010. Details can be found at www.energystar.gov/taxcredits. These include:



- For existing homes, tax credits are at 30% of the cost up to \$1,500:
 - Windows and Doors
 - Insulation
 - Roofs (Metal and Asphalt)
 - HVAC
 - Water Heaters (non-solar)
 - Biomass Stoves
- For existing homes and new construction tax credits are available at 30% of the cost, with no upper limit through 2016 for:
 - Geothermal Heat Pumps
 - Solar Panels
 - Solar Water Heaters
 - Small Wind Energy Systems < Cells >

Reasons for a Greener Environment

Did You Know.....

- It is estimated that 17 trees are cut down for every ton of non-recycled paper
- By the time it takes you to read this sentence, more than 50,000 12-oz aluminum cans were made < EVERY discarded bottles plastic million 2.5 are there US, the >



Ways to Green Your Home



- Turn down your thermostat. Lowering the thermostat by just one degree can reduce heating energy costs by about 4%
- Use ceiling fans in the summer AND winter. By reversing the direction of the blades, warm air is pushed down, helping to keep rooms warm in the winter
- Conserve energy by using Energy Star products. Look for the rating. For example, comparing a 1990 model refrigerator with an Energy Star-qualified refrigerator saves enough electricity to light a home for more than 4.5 months!
- Repair leaky fixtures. Only one drop per second from a leaky faucet can waste as much as 10 gallons of water each week.
- Install low-flow showerheads, faucets, and toilets. Low-flow faucets can save up to 2.1 trillion gallons of water and an estimated \$11.3 million nationwide every day