



Tap Into Using Energy Efficiently

Conservation Can Make a Difference

Consumers can make smart energy-saving choices in and outside of the home that can reduce their energy bills. Several resources are available to help make wise choices for your energy use.

Energy conservation efforts can range from completing an energy audit of your home to buying energy-efficient products that could lead to your receiving tax credits. To find out what actions you can take, check out Rate Counsel's free *Consumer Conservation Handbook* that can be downloaded at www.rpa.state.nj.us or by calling 973-648-2690. Many energy conservation tips and product ideas can also be found through several organizations and agencies.

Additional ideas and resources for saving energy and reducing your utility bill can be found at:

- **ENERGY STAR** (site offers energy conservation tips for every room in your home and office, including using products that are labeled with the energy-efficient ENERGY STAR label):
<http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=popuptool.atHome>

Also, learn how to earn tax credits by buying energy-efficient ENERGY STAR products at: <http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits>

- **Alliance to Save Energy** (site offers consumers info on saving money, increasing comfort and reducing pollution through energy efficiency. Electricity tips are also included on avoiding a power blackout.):
<http://www.ase.org/consumers>
- **Home Energy Saver** (site helps identify the best ways to save energy at home and the resources to make the savings happen. The Home Energy Saver was the first Internet-based tool for calculating energy use in

- residential buildings. The project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy): <http://hes.lbl.gov/hes/vh.shtml>
- **Consortium for Energy Efficiency:** (the site of this nonprofit public benefits corporation that develops initiatives for its North American members to promote the manufacture and purchase of energy-efficient products and services, offers consumers ideas and general guidance that could help save energy and money): <http://www.cee1.org/cons-info.php3>
 - **New Jersey Clean Energy Program** (a site for information and financial incentives to help New Jersey residents, business and communities reduce their energy use and protect the environment and obtain state rebates for energy efficiency efforts): <http://www.njcleanenergy.com>
 - http://www.njcep.com/html/2_incent.html
 - **New Jersey Comfort Partners Program** (this site describes program offerings designed to improve energy affordability for income eligible households through installation of energy efficiency measures and energy education);
http://www.njcleanenergy.com/html/1residential/4_comfort_partners.html
 - **The Weatherization Assistance Program** (this site explains how the program enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.):
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/>
 - **Efficient Windows** (this site provides information on the benefits of energy efficient windows):
<http://windows.lbl.gov/pub/selectingwindows/selectingwindows.html>
 - **Energy Information Administration: (this site lists Appliance Standards and Labeling Related Links**
www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/efficiency/appliances_standards.html
 - **Energy Kid's Page:** (this U.S. government site includes a section designed for kids with ideas on classroom projects, games, energy basics):
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/>
 - **Federal Citizen Information Center** (this site has publications on financing an energy-efficient home, the elements of an energy efficient house and other topics for viewing and purchasing):http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/housing/power-smarts/
 - **The Environmental Technology Division of the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab** (managed by the University of California and the oldest of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratories, the site offers Web-based tools and publications that can help homeowners and apartment dwellers reduce their energy use): <http://eetd.lbl.gov/eetd.html>

- **U.S. Department of Energy** (this site offers consumers a guide to energy efficiency and renewable energy options and services):
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/>

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