

#### Consumer Adoption of Energy Efficiency: Lessons from the Field

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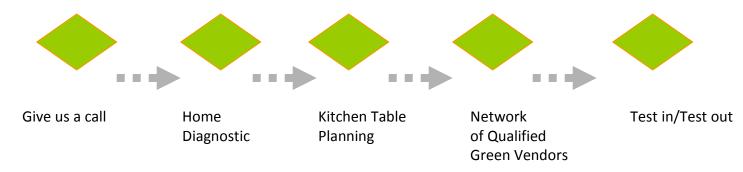
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### Who Are We?

#### GreenNow USA:

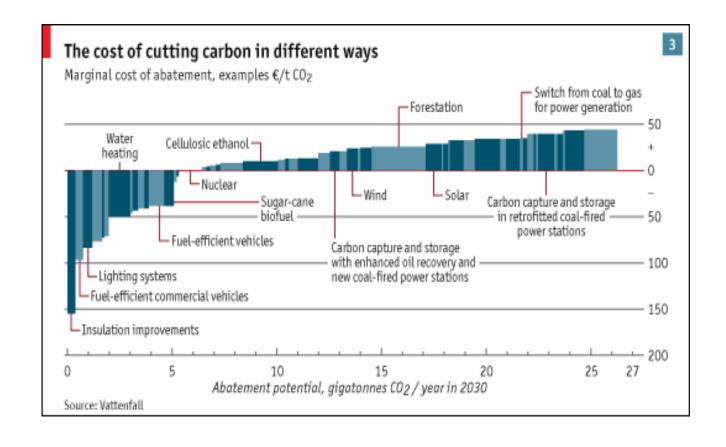
Our services help homeowners save energy and water.



- □ 20 40% energy savings + Solar thermal + Solar photovolatics = 80 90% reduction
- □ 4 5 steps to zero net energy
- Customer is in charge of scope and pace, always a menu of choices



# Energy & Water Efficiency is the Cheapest Solution





# But We Have Known This Since the Carter Administration...



- Lack of information
- Lack of meaningful information (WHAT?)
- Lack of connection from information to action (HOW?)
- Problems with contractors (WHO?)
- □ Up-front costs (PAY)
- What am I getting for my money? (VERIFCATION)



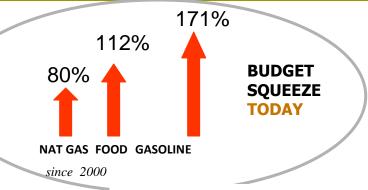
### ....And Emotional Barriers Remain



Who are you, and what are you going to do in my home?

Think about my energy use? I never do.. I guess this will be painful

### But current financial pressures are acute



**MORE BILLS TO COME** 

Delayed utility cost pass-throughs: 80%+

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Coal:

47% capacity expansion Costs rise from 2007- 2017 cancelled



Nuclear:

\$5B to \$12B per plant

**POSSIBLY EVEN** 

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#### Cap & Trade (McCain-Lieberman):

Avg. US electricity price will increase by 40%, range is 17 – 76%.



Efficiency Connects With the Financial and **Emotional Health** of the Home



# And personal change has meaning outside the home

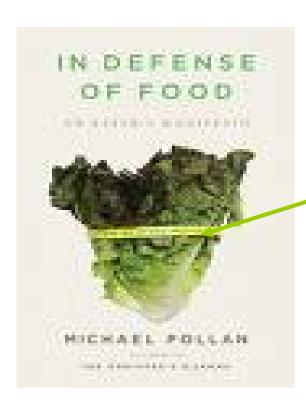
#### Benicia High School

	Motivator	Capability
Personal	✓ Save energy; Go green	GreenNow coaches students and process a small report
Social	Our students are making our community and school green	Students created a website for their services and "count" their enabled savings.
Structural	<ul> <li>✔ Benicia: City is starting a CAP</li> <li>Students: Win the contests!</li> </ul>	"Audit" Mayor's home; School Super's home; 3 school board members; local press; libraries and fire stations carry the flyer. School continues project thru 08/09 school year. Students go to Nationals!

All six cells must be present for a successful program of change.



## What's our clear message?

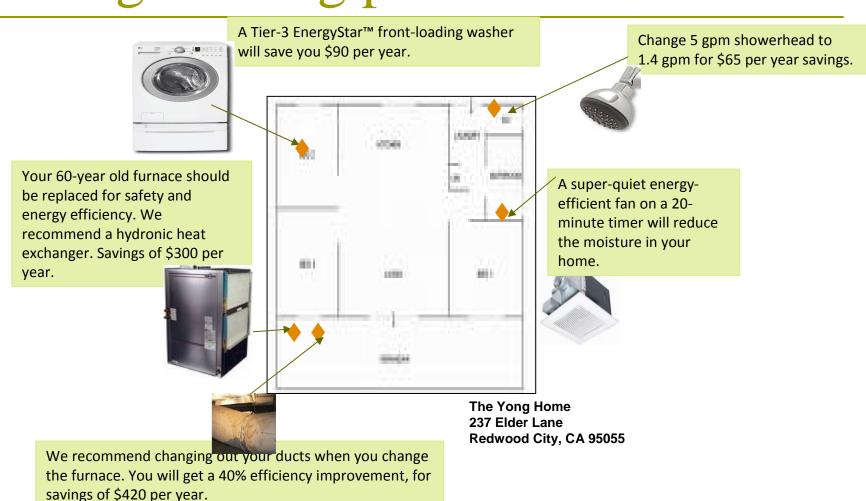


"Eat food.
Not too much.
Mostly plants."

What are the three things we want to say to homeowners about energy efficiency?



# Make the small connections to change the big picture





## Real-time Feedback: The Three-Day Fatigue

- Day 0 struggle to get meter working or installed
- Day 1 Cute!
- Day 2 What do the numbers mean? What connection do they have to my home?
- □ Day 3 I should do something about energy
- □ Day 4 Oh, that thing...

No long-term studies....No emotional connection..



## Personalized planning:

### Your Home's Report Card





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