

# Encouraging Energy Efficiency Improvement in New and Existing Homes

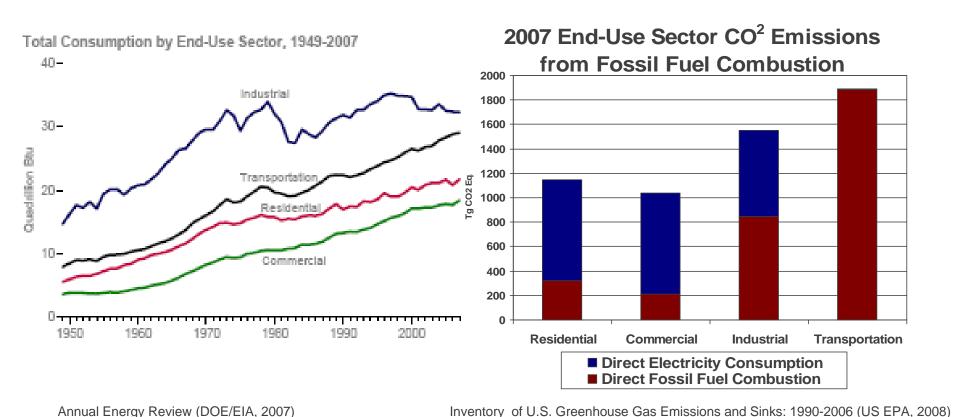
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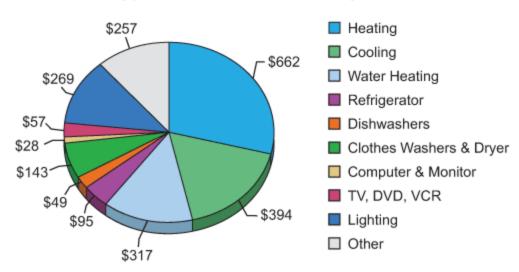
The energy used in the average house can cause about two times as much the greenhouse gas emissions as the average car

# Residential Energy Use



- 114 million households<sup>1</sup>
  - 69% built before 1980¹
  - 68% or 76 million owner occupied<sup>1</sup>
  - 59% single-family owner occupied<sup>1</sup>
- Average energy cost \$2200/year

#### Typical House's Annual Utility Bill



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- 56% heat with natural gas<sup>2</sup>
- 26% heat with electricity<sup>2</sup>
- 64% cool with central AC<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>2007 Building energy Data Book, DOE <sup>2</sup>2005 RECS, Single-Family Homes Table US14, HC2.4 and HC2.6 EIA/DOE Pie Chart Source: Typical House memo, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2009 and Typical house\_2009\_Reference.xls spreadsheet.



## **Energy Savings Potential**



- If every household in America...
- replaced just one light with an ENERGY STAR light, we would save about \$700 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of ghg emissions per year
- added insulation to their attic, we would save more than \$1.5 billion in annual energy costs and prevent nearly 25 billion pounds of ghg emissions per year

serviced their heating and cooling systems, changed their air filters, sealed and insulated heating and cooling ducts in unfinished areas, and programmed their thermostat for energy savings while they're away or asleep, we would save \$14 billion in annual energy costs and prevent more than 160 billion pounds of ghg emission per year.



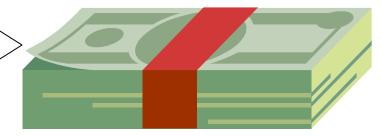
"Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning." -Thomas Edison

# The American Recovery and Investment Act is an opportunity.



## What's your plan?

American Recovery And Investment Act



# What do you want to achieve?

- Set a Goal
- Climate Action Plans...
- Burlington, VT reduce ghg by 80% by 2050
- Berkley, CA reduce ghg by 80% by 2050
- Boulder, CO reduce ghg 7% below 1990 levels by 2012
- Chicago, IL reduce ghg 25% below 1990 levels by 2020
- AIA 2030 Challenge
  - ...energy consumption performance standard of 50% of the regional average for that building type.

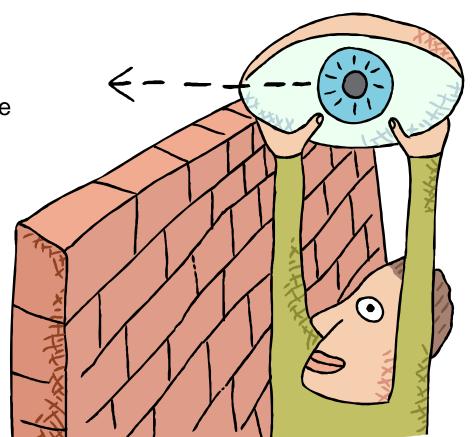
# What barriers stand between you and your goal?

Reduce carbon emissions

Increase energy efficiency

Create a sustainable green marketplace

and jobs





- Consumer Awareness
  - Don't realize they consume more than most
  - Don't understand the benefits
  - Don't know how to change
- Availability Perception
  - Difficult to find efficient products, homes or weatherization contractor
- Affordability Perception
  - Costs too much to upgrade energy efficiency

# What policies will help clear each hurdle?



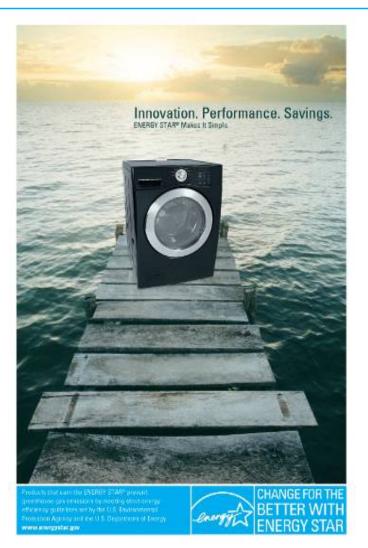
"The big secret in life is that there is no big secret.

Whatever your goal, you can get there if you're willing to work."

**Oprah Winfrey** 

### **ENERGY STAR Products**





- ENERGY STAR Products
- An opportunity to save energy with every purchasing decision
- More than 60 types of products
  - Lighting
  - Heating and cooling
  - Appliances
  - Office equipment
  - Home electronics
  - Battery charging systems



## **ENERGY STAR Homes**



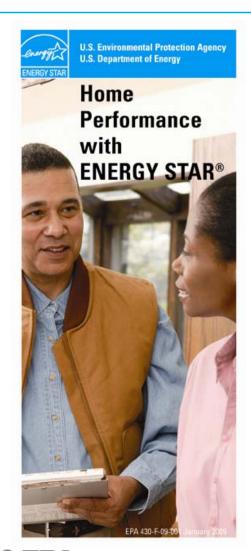


- ENERGY STAR Homes
- At least 15% more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 IRC
- Include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20–30% more efficient than standard homes
- Typically Includes:
- Effective Insulation Systems
- High-performance Windows
- Tight Construction and Ducts
- Efficient Heating and Cooling System
- Appliances and Lighting
- Third-party Verified



# Home Performance with ENERGY STAR





- Sponsored by a utility, state or local gov.
- A network of specially-trained contractors
  - Evaluate homes using state-of-the-art equipment
  - Recommend comprehensive energy improvements
  - Ready to complete the work or refer to someone who can
- Quality assurance program checks work of participating contractors to verify program standards are met
- Homeowner chooses and pays for improvements based on credible information



## **Overcome Awareness Barrier**



- Educate Consumers on Value of Energy Efficiency
  - Change the World Campaign Pledge Drivers Wanted
  - ENERGY STAR Products, Homes, and Home Improvement
  - Web site
  - Sponsor education at home shows, fairs, and other local events
  - Write an article in local newspapers/media
- Work with local utility to offer energy use feedback on bills
  - Include comparative energy use (e.g., SMUD utility bill)
  - ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick
- Work with local realtors and appraisers:
  - Realtor training on ENERGY STAR
  - Appraiser training on value of ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes
  - Incorporate ENERGY STAR in local MLS





# **National Campaign**



## Change the World, Start with ENERGY STAR

a national campaign encouraging all Americans to join with millions of others and take small, individual steps that make a big difference in the fight against global warming



www.energystar.gov/changetheworld



# Change the World



- Pledge Drivers Wanted
- Materials to Get You Started
  - Sample Newsletter, Email and Web Text
  - Sample Press Release
  - Proclamations for Mayors
  - Web Buttons and Banners
  - Key Messages
  - Image Library



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# Homeowner Education Through the Web



- Home Energy Advisor
   Make a plan
   www.energystar.gov/homeadvisor
- ENERGY STAR @ Home
   Go room-by-room
   <u>www.energystar.gov/home</u>
   Can be hosted on your site
- Home Energy Yardstick
   Track your progress
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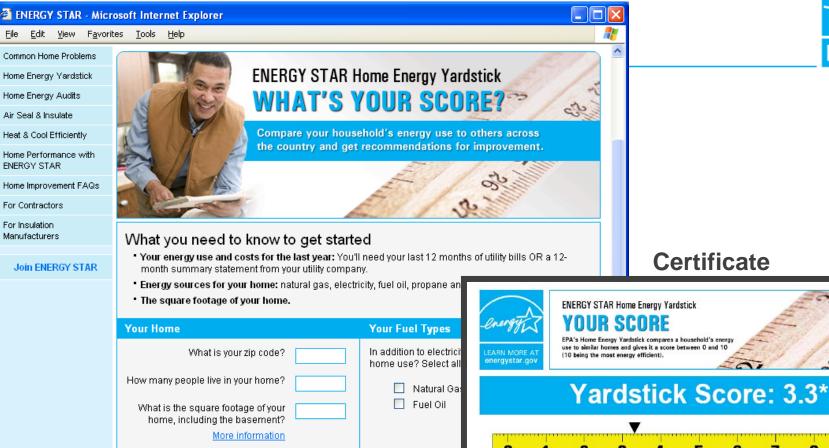














Your Energy Use

Annual

Monthly

Select the Start Date for the year covered:

Would you like to use annual or monthly billing information to enter your

Select Month

Address: 123 Energy Drive, Falls Church VA

Zip Code: 22048 People living in vo

Select Y

People living in your home: 2 Square Footage: 2200

Home and Energy Use for:

Energy Use from 01-Nov-2007 to 31-Oct-2008

#### How To Improve a Low Score

Seal air leaks (or drafts).

efficiency and comfort.

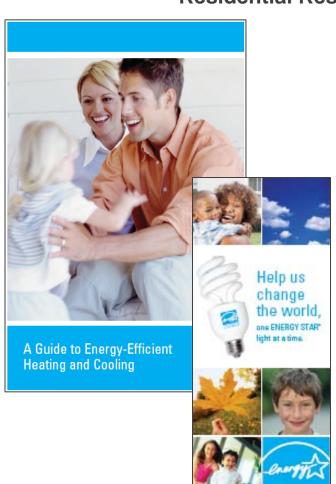
- Add more insulation in the attic.
- If the HVAC equipment is more than 10 years old, consider replacing with models that have earned the ENERGY STAR.
- ✓ Purchase lighting, appliances, home electronics, and other
- products that have earned the ENERGY STAR.
- ✓ Hire a professional to evaluate the home's energy efficiency.
  ✓ Visit energystar.gov/homeadvisor for more ways to improve

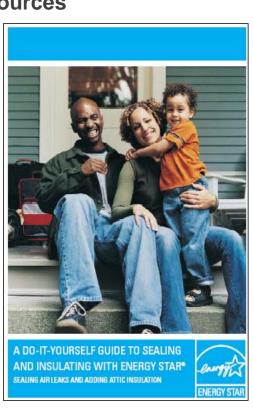
"How you operate or use your home may lower your score. Activities and Equipment that often impact a household's score include: a home office or home business, swimming pool, spa, sauna pottery lilin, or well pump, as well as a thermostat setting above 72°F for heating or below 75° for cooling.

### **ENERGY STAR Publications**

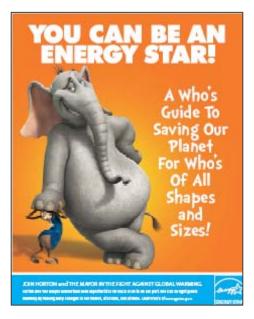


#### **Residential Resources**





#### **Educational Resources**





# Overcome Availability Barrier



- Sponsor events (e.g. refrigerator or room ac recycling)
- Nurture/Develop a HERS Infrastructure
- Motivate builders and contractors to deliver energy efficiency
  - Offer Free/Subsidized Technical Training for Builders, Remodelers and Trades
  - Discount or Delay Permit Fees
  - Offer Priority Code Processing
    - Increase Density Allowances
    - Expedited Plan Approvals
    - Priority Field Inspections
  - Provide Recognition
    - Feature on Community Web Site
    - Sponsor Parade of ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes
- Consider Sponsoring a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program



# Overcome Affordability Barrier



- Facilitate Incentives for ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes
  - Discounted Utility Hook-up Fees for ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes
  - Discounted Bills (e.g., 10% discount) with local utility
- Encourage Financing for Energy Efficiency
  - Discounted Mortgage Interest Rates with local banks
    - EIMs and EEMs
    - ENERGY STAR Mortgage (http://energyprograms.org/energystar/)
  - Allow payment of improvement loan on property tax, or water bill
- Offer incentives for ENERGY STAR Qualified Products (e.g. fixtures)
  - Advanced Lighting Package for new homes
  - Refrigerator and Room AC recycling



## RDEE Toolkit



#### http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee\_toolkit.html

