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Why Do I Need An Energy Audit?

First, [click here](#) to review a short, informative video that explains what home performance is all about. Second, you should have an energy audit because it will:



- Save money on your energy bills ... by pinpointing areas of your home where energy is being wasted and used inefficiently.
- Increase your comfort ... and literally feel the difference! Air sealing the building shell, sealing leaky air handler ducts, adding insulation, or replacing that old furnace or air conditioner will make your home a more pleasant place to be.
- Increase your home's resale value ... because for every \$1 decrease in annual energy costs, the market value of a home increases by \$20. If you decrease your energy costs by \$300 per year, the value of your home increases by \$6,000.
- Improve your home's marketability ... because, with rising fuel costs, home buyers are seriously considering the house's operating expenses, plus proof of auditing and retrofitting demonstrate that the house has been optimally maintained.
- Uncover hidden problems because a home energy audit's thorough inspection can prevent problems before they affect your health or damage your home.
- Help the environment ... by using less energy, which reduces pollution and greenhouse gasses.
- Allow you to take advantage of government incentives ... because, armed with the recommendations from an energy audit report and tax-incentive information, you can make the right decisions as to which measures will pay the biggest return on your investment -- and have the government help you make it happen.
- Be a smart investment ... because the return on your investment could approach 16% per year, after taking into account the money you spent on improvements. As energy prices rise, so will your return on investment.