

Three Tips for Extreme Home Energy Savings

Homeowners expect to get a bill from their utility company each month, but opening one for a particularly expensive month can be a real shocker. If your bills seem consistently higher than what they should be, it's time to look for hidden energy drains and consider some changes that can make a huge difference.

Consider these home improvement solutions to take a huge bite out of your energy bill:



Tip 1: Assess the roof

The sun's rays beat down on your roof, increasing the temperature in your entire house. Your air conditioner has to work hard to counteract these intense temperatures and that means a high energy bill. The best way to defend your home from this type of heat is to install a radiant barrier in your attic, especially if your AC unit or ductwork is present.

A radiant barrier, such as Enerflex, reduces heat transfer between your roof and the attic floor where insulation is typically installed. Enerflex can reflect up to 96 percent of the radiant heat energy from the sun back through your roof, making your attic space up to 30 degrees cooler. A cooler attic leads to a more comfortable and consistent temperature throughout your home and a decreased workload on your air conditioner and other appliances. This also leads to a lower utility bill. ... CONTINUED PG. 2

A few words from the President/Broker, Amanda L. Grover, SFR

This is such an exciting time of year for real estate. We're already seeing the normal trends for this time of year, as early Spring is here! What do I mean? Well, about this time of year buyers start com-

ing out of the woodwork. BUT, also generally this time of year the inventory hasn't caught up to the number of buyers in the buying pool. This often creates a shorter number of days on the market for

homes and buyers anxious to see the new Spring inventory. If you're considering selling, call us NOW - before the bulk of homes get listed and creates more competition for your home!

Trust me, there's a lot that goes into knowing the real estate market...and we're "Right on top of that, Rose!" (that quotation being a cute little inside joke with agent Sandy King.)

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"1913 WASN'T A
VERY GOOD YEAR.
1913 GAVE US THE
INCOME TAX, THE
16TH AMENDMENT
AND THE IRS." ~
RON PAUL

Tip 2: Look for leaks

No matter what time of year it is, having even small leaks in your windows or doors is like letting money, literally, float away. Just an 1/8-inch crack all the way around a doorway creates the same air loss as a 6-inch square hole in the middle of your door, according to the Edison Electric Institute.

There are various ways to check for window and door leaks, from holding a candle flame near the crack and gauging how much the flame moves to sliding a piece of paper through the opening to see if it catches or tears. If you find a leak, the easiest solution is to add weather-stripping around doors and to caulk windows. Remember to check once a year to see if any repairs or replacements are needed.

traditional incandescent bulbs and they last at least six times longer.

Additionally, an incandescent lamp is really more of a heater than a light, with nearly 90 percent of the input energy being converted and lost in waste heat rather than light, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. All those little heaters warm up your home fast and you have to turn on fans and your air conditioner to regulate the temperature. Switch your light bulbs and the savings will follow.

Keeping energy bills low is a challenge, but with the right strategies you can reduce your bill and help the environment, a win-win for everyone.

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Tip 3: Swap the bulbs

You've likely heard plenty about switching to more energy efficient light bulbs, but maybe you're not sure if it really makes a difference. Consider this: homes that use Energy Star-qualified light bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than

Get to Know Our Team! Some Things That Might Surprise You...



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Amanda took her first FLIGHT LESSON this month! What a blast! Growing up in front of the Penn Yan Airport, it's always been an interest to her. "It's so freeing to be up there."



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Dan and Sandy purchased a new home and they owe it to fellow realtor Sue Polizzi. They've been through the process – Purchase offer, bank application, the lending process through to closing. They will be moving just up the road from their current home and will still be residents of the town of Potter. They've been busy building decks and decorating. They think they'll be in their new home by May. As all new home owners can relate its fun and exciting! Thanks so much Sue!



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Phil wants you to know that the weather is getting better and people are out looking to buy. This is the time to list so you can pick up one of those buyers.

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Travis is near the final end of his latest flip house, soon to hit the market. He's very ready to move on to our next one, in Rushville! Very happy to see the weather the way it has been.

"TRY NOT TO BECOME
A MAN OF SUCCESS
BUT RATHER TRY TO
BECOME A MAN OF
VALUE."

~ALBERT EINSTEIN



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