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Energy Trust of Oregon helps homeowners sleuth out summer energy savings

Free Home Energy Reviews offered online, by phone and in person are a first step to keeping homes and energy bills cool

PORTLAND, Ore. — June 18, 2012 — As warm weather returns to Oregon, so do higher energy bills, as many homeowners across the state try to keep their homes cool. Fortunately, most homes can be made more energy efficient, helping homeowners save on energy costs and stay comfortable — whether during the high heat of summer or later, during the cold of winter. Energy Trust of Oregon offers a great place to start.

The nonprofit, which serves customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas, is offering Home Energy Reviews that give homeowners free expert guidance and personalized recommendations to get started on energy-saving improvements.

“Most people don’t realize it, but they could be wasting up to 60 percent of the energy they purchase to heat and cool their home due to hidden energy wasters like leaky ducts, inefficient equipment, poor insulation and air leaks,” said Marshall Johnson, residential program manager, Energy Trust. “A Home Energy Review can help uncover those energy wasters and determine which improvements make the most sense for a particular home.”

The Home Energy Reviews are offered three ways — online, by phone and in person — to fit a variety of schedules and needs. All reviews offer a personalized list of recommended improvements, plus details about Energy Trust cash incentives and connections to Energy Trust trade ally contractors to help with any work that needs to be done.

Online (5-10 minutes):

Homeowners can simply spend a few minutes online and receive a Home Energy Profile, which shows how energy efficient their home is, and provides them with a list of energy-saving opportunities.

By phone (20 minutes):

Homeowners needing a bit more advice can talk with an Energy Trust energy advisor by phone to review their goals and receive custom recommendations for comfort and energy savings.

In home (1-2 hours):

Energy Trust energy advisors can also make house calls to seek out areas of energy loss throughout a home. If needed, free energy-saving products may also be installed, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs and high-performance faucet aerators and showerheads.

To take part in a Home Energy Review, homeowners can visit www.energytrust.org/start or call 1-866-368-7878. Customers of PGE, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas in Oregon, and NW Natural customers in Washington, are eligible for the free service.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers benefit from saving energy and tapping renewable resources. Our services, cash incentives and energy solutions have helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas save more than \$1 billion on energy bills. Our work helps keep energy costs as low as possible, creates jobs and builds a sustainable energy future. Learn more at www.energytrust.org or call 1-866-368-7878.

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