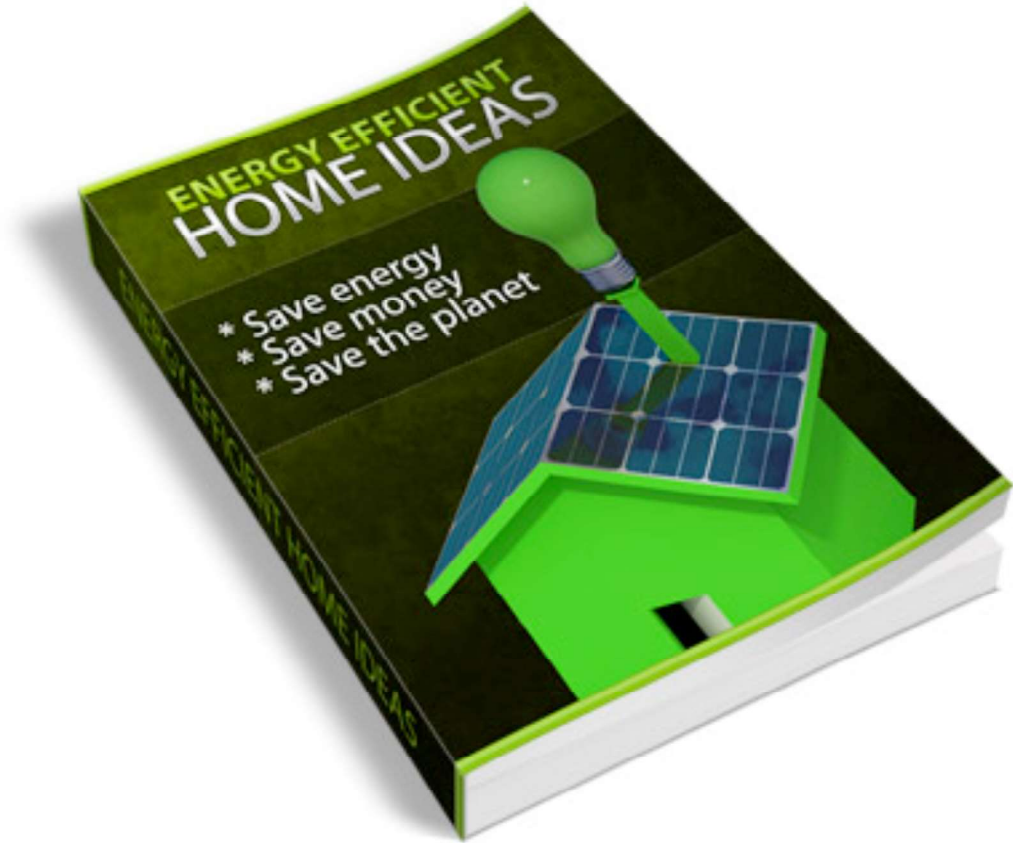


## **Energy Efficient Homes**



**Reduce Your Energy Costs Easily!**

## **Introduction**

Whether you just want to drop a few dollars off of your gas bill or you are looking for a better way to fuel your home altogether, doing just a few things can make a tremendous amount of difference in your home.

Why bother with cost efficiency? You can afford the bills so why bother? Many people will be shocked to learn that they can lose up to 25% or more of the energy in their home without the need to. You literally could be flushing your money down the drain.

The good news is that making your home energy efficient does not have to be overly challenging. It also does not have to be overly costly either. There are some changes that will cost a decent amount of money to implement into a home. These are usually the things that need to be taken into consideration if you plan to save a great deal of money.

As you will see in this e-book, there are plenty of things that you can do to better your home's ability to use energy more wisely from just about every aspect you can imagine. But, in our first chapters, we need to take the time to really analyze if in fact making the change is worth it.

There are some products and some companies that do promise that you will save a great deal of money and you wind up investing a great deal to wind up not saving anything.

## **Chapter 1: Determining Current Costs**

One of the first things that you should do when looking at your ability to make your home more cost efficient is to know just what you are currently paying.

By taking the time to determine what you are currently spending on energy, you can better determine which areas you have the potential to save with. In each area of the country, there are different rates, different co ops and a wide range of different types of fuel to take into consideration.

It is up to you to find out what you are paying based on your monthly bill payments. Look at those payments and notice two things.

- What is the amount that you pay per unit that you use of that fuel type?
- What is the amount of that fuel type that you use per month in units?

Your goal, then, is to notice how you can change these.

### **Can You Lower The Cost Per Unit?**

The first way to determine if you can lower you costs with your fuel usage is to determine if you have the most cost effective provider of that fuel.

In many areas of the country, there are several providers of each type of fuel that you need. For example, you may have a choice in which gas company you use or which electric company that you use. If that is the case, then you should determine which is capable of providing you with the lowest rate per unit of fuel used.

To find out if you have an option in this service, simply contact your local government. They can easily tell you which providers are available as well as provide contact information to you.

Then, give each provider a call and ask them if they do in fact provide to your home. If so, then ask what their rates per unit are, as well as any transfer or account set up fees that they may have. Do this for all of the providers in your area until you find the most affordable choice.

By doing this, you can instantly save money without having to worry about investing anything but a few minutes of your time.

### Can You Lower The Number of Units?

The next step in this process is to determine if you can lower the number of units that you use of your fuel type. Now, the most simplistic of ways to do this is through simply turning off more power or fuel to your home.

One thing that people do not realize is just how much it matters that you turn off and unplug the appliances and other tools for your home.