

New Energy Changes Are Complex, Achievable

Take charge of your own electric bill. Spend a few dollars now to save big later. Don't let that precious and pricey escaping air carry your hard-earned money with it.

By Jennifer Molk

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Air conditioners will be flipped on high, working overtime to keep us comfortable and content. In keeping with the ever-increasing demand for conserving energy in an ever-warming world, recent Florida Energy Code changes went into effect March 15th. The changes are complex and sweeping—involving such trade talk as approved Manual J load calculation and ductwork sealed with mastic to be leak free—but don't worry; the crew at Healthy Homes America® is fully up-to-date with the most recent regulations and compliance standards so that you, the homeowner, won't have to be bothered.

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In addition, Healthy Homes America® will help you achieve a uniform comfort level throughout your home. There is nothing more uncomfortable than trying in vain to reach that uniform comfort level. One room is cool and comfortable; another is sweltering. Your home is where you retire at the end of a long hard, day. It's where you shut the front door to the chaos and bask in the rewards that your hard work affords. Or it should be that way anyway.

All too often however, that is not the case. "The EPA says a home is five times more polluted than the air outside," says Duane Wright, general manager and co-founder of Healthy Homes America®. "When you think about that, as we slowly walk into our sanctuary, we're actually walking into a contaminated area. What we do is make that house no longer contaminated."

Duane and his crew offer a first-rate, highly skilled diagnostic and testing of air quality, and then follow that up with installation of state-of-the-art fixes and improvements that will bring you a swift return on your investment—within five years!

"It's a lifetime fix," Duane points out. "It's done. It's guaranteed for life. Once you do this, we don't have to come there once a week; there's no maintenance required. It's done. Within five years it pays for itself and you're making money."

According to the U.S. Department of Energy and Energy Star, making energy efficient choices and adjustments can save families up to a third on their energy bills, which is what drove Duane himself as a homeowner to take charge of where his money was going after opening a $600 electric bill several years ago.

"What can you do?" he recalls asking himself then. "You can't go out and get another electric company. You just pay the bill."

And start to pay attention. When your home isn't airtight with good-quality air, and appliances aren't functioning to the best possible levels—you're coughing and sneezing and loading up on the drowsy-inducing allergy meds, unable to be productive throughout your day and enjoy life to its fullest—it's time for an energy audit. The highly trained and certified technicians at Healthy Homes America will identify all of the ravenous culprits, inside and out, that are draining your wallet and compromising your health and that of your family members.

The Great Recession of 2008 put a kink in the home improvement budget by pulling the plug on extras, rendering wise energy improvements to the back burner, but energy costs have only continued to rise. Here is a golden opportunity to turn it around and make a significant investment, and take charge of your own electric bill.

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