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Q & A

New Right Choice High Tech Audit Backed by Energy Star®

By Jackson Electric Membership Corporation

Frustrated with high energy bills, rooms that are too hot or cold or even excessive dust? Now you can make the Right Choice even if you're not buying or building a new home.

The Right Choice High Tech Audit, the latest addition to the Right Choice Home Checkup energy efficient living program, offers an advanced home test and assessment of your home's performance. The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® testing process includes a list of recommendations that a contractor can perform to make your home a Right Choice Improved Home that's more energy efficient, comfortable and healthy.

Energy Star Goes Beyond Appliances

Many people are familiar with Energy Star appliances; however, Energy Star also has guidelines for building materials and construction. With its recent expansion into improvements for existing homes, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR offers a whole-house diagnosis of a home's energy efficiency.

Managed by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Energy Star program is government backed and exemplifies excellence in energy efficiency.

"Standardizing the approach for all participating contractors wanting to offer a high tech home energy audit is a great value to give our members," says Amy Bryan, Jackson EMC residential marketing director.

The Benefits of Energy Efficient Living

Using the same or more services for less energy — energy

efficiency — helps protect the environment. Conserving energy contributes to cleaner indoor and outdoor air. Decreasing energy usage can have a significant impact on your energy bills as well. Energy efficient solutions can save you up to 20 to 30 percent on the heating and cooling portion of your bill.

Investing In Your Home's Comfort and Efficiency

If you feel your home's energy performance could use a high-tech audit, we have reasonable pricing options to get you started. For \$350, less than the annual cost of a cup of coffee a day, your home's diagnosis will help you plan and undertake projects to reduce your energy bills and improve your home's comfort. The comprehensive test includes one HVAC unit; each additional unit can be added to your comprehensive package at the reduced cost of \$100 each.

Rebates and Rates

Jackson EMC members will receive a \$250 rebate on the Right Choice High Tech Audit. Members will also receive another \$175 rebate after a certified contractor performs the repair work. Your home also qualifies for the lower Energy Advantage rate. Only members with electric heat qualify for this special rate.

Quality Control With Our Partners at Southface

Like our Right Choice new home program, we've teamed with the energy efficiency experts at Southface to offer a savings and comfort program to members who don't have Right Choice homes. "Our partnership with Southface will provide a higher level of quality control for homeowners," says Bryan. Testing a certain percentage of contractor work, Southface provides an impartial evaluation of participating contractors. "The evaluation process benchmarks the testing, allowing us to offer the same high quality of service to each member."

Southface has also arranged for special financing to members who receive the Right Choice High Tech Audit and choose to have improvements made with a participating contractor. Loans offer favorable terms, including up to a 10-year payback period and interest rates 2% lower than the market rate. Loans are only available for improvement measures recommended by the audit.

For more information on the Right Choice High Tech Audit, see www.jacksonemc.com/checkup/audit.html or call 800-462-3691. Ask to be transferred to the Jackson EMC office nearest you. Then ask to speak to a residential marketing representative.

How Does the Right Choice High Tech Audit Work?

Step 1:

If you have high energy bills, rooms that are too hot or cold, moisture problems or excessive dust, call on us for a comprehensive home performance test.



