



# Home Tips



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## ENERGY STAR® Home Assessment

*With energy cost going up every year, we are ready to do whatever it takes to make our home energy efficient. Where do we begin?*

Today's energy-conscious homeowners are turning to Georgia Power — The Energy Expert®, for ways to better manage their home energy usage and lower their power bills. Homeowners are often faced with multiple home energy challenges including drafty windows and doors, rooms that fluctuate between being either too hot or too cold, and high humidity levels that can cause mold.



### A Comprehensive Approach

A comprehensive approach to home energy efficiency improvement is what Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is all about. If you're interested in improving your existing home energy performance or if you're remodeling and renovating your existing home this is a program for you. You can increase your home's energy efficiency, help reduce energy costs, improve overall indoor air quality, and create a more comfortable, healthier and safe home for your family. You'll also be helping to protect the environment through energy conservation.

### Financial Incentives

Financial incentives are available to help offset the cost of the assessment and the improvements. All incentives are subject to specific improvements meeting pre-determined Test-out requirements (post-diagnostic testing). Please discuss with your contractor for more details. View potential customer rebates. [View potential customer rebates.](#)



### Diagnosing the Problem

Instead of guessing what the cause of any of your home's performance problems are a qualified home performance contractor uses diagnostic

equipment to test your home for problems and solutions. Rather than focusing on a single component, such as single-paned windows, an old air conditioning system, or leaky ductwork, a participating contractor will assess how improvements to all of these energy-related components and systems can work together more effectively. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR offers a holistic approach to creating a more energy efficient and healthy home environment. This will result in:

- Fewer drafts
- Consistent temperatures across rooms
- Better ventilation and humidity control
- Lower utility bills

Home improvement contractors, certified by The Building Performance Institute, Inc., will perform a thorough whole-house Home Performance with ENERGY STAR assessment. Choosing a contractor qualified to work in Georgia Power's home performance program will then provide you a complete cost effective report of improvements for your home and inform you of energy efficiency incentives.

### Energy Efficiency Improvement Services:

- Energy efficient renovations, residential
- HVAC: equipment installation and maintenance
- Duct systems: installation, sealing and insulating
- Crawl space encapsulation, moisture management
- Insulation and air sealing
- Replacement windows and doors
- Water heaters and water fixtures
- Energy efficient renovations
- Moisture intrusion analysis
- Lower utility bills

### Selecting a Qualified Contractor

Georgia Power recommends selecting a qualified contractor approved to participate as a Georgia Power Home Performance contractor. View participating contractors list. Whether you have problems with a drafty house or if you know your furnace or air conditioner needs to be replaced, a Home Performance contractor working through Georgia Power's program will address your needs. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR can be beneficial for homes that:

- Are drafty
- Have rooms that are too hot or too cold
- Have higher than normal energy bills
- Are in need of a new heating or air conditioning system
- Need replacement windows
- Need additional insulation

### Nationally Recognized Program

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is a nationally recognized program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy. Local contractors participating in Home Performance with

ENERGY STAR program can help you cost-effectively improve your home's energy efficiency. These specially-trained contractors evaluate your home using state-of-the-art equipment and recommend comprehensive improvements that will yield the best results.

**Quality Assurance**

Participating local contractors must maintain high standards for quality. Contractors undergo specialized training and completed projects are subject to periodic quality assurance inspections to verify that Home Performance with ENERGY STAR projects get done right.

**Information**

For more information on Home Performance with ENERGY STAR in your area, contact Georgia Power by E-mail or visit ENERGY STAR.

Also, ask for a FREE in-home energy audit from Georgia Power. They will give you a 45 minute to 1 hour walk through of you home and will tell you ways to save energy. Just call 1-800-524-2421

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**Quote Of The Month**

**"DO NOT PUT OFF FOR TOMORROW  
WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY,  
BECAUSE IF YOU ENJOY DOING IT  
TODAY YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN  
TOMORROW."**

JAMES A. MICHNER



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