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It is time to make a difference in your home before the energy prices make a difference in your life.

The recent events in the oil industry and the way the oil industry is treating all of us as consumers is telling us that we need to make some changes in the biggest energy user we own. It's not our cars, although we should try to drive less and combine trips to save fuel, but our biggest energy user is our home. Our average comfortable home costs us \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year for heat & air conditioning, and electric for all the televisions, refrigerators, computers, etc. This is what is slowly draining our pockets in monthly installments. Because all the talk is mostly about gas prices going up but also all energy prices are up and not coming down to any reasonable price for a long time if at all.

We can however cut this way down just by refitting our homes with some inexpensive conservation products such as weatherstripping doors, attic insulation and the new coated Low-E glass for the patio doors and replacement windows. Draft inspections are also a good place to start (sometimes called energy loss inspections). We can start with the smaller things and hold back on some of the larger products like a new furnace or refrigerator. Any money you spend wisely on energy saving products and services like attic insulation, patio doors, entrance doors, or draft inspections will pay for themselves in the first year or two if not sooner. Replacement windows take a little longer but you save enough to pay for two or three windows a year, depending on the number of windows, you could get your money back in savings in three to five years. The windows will last thirty years or more and if you figure in the money saved because they are maintenance free, they tilt in for easy cleaning and the sound deadening makes them enjoyable to have in your home.

Although these projects will save money and energy, there needs to be a combination of cutting down on oil consumption as well to save our environment and leave less of a carbon footprint for our future generations. There is also a lot of talk about solar and wind power for homes and I believe that wind power for our homes, at least in the suburbs and rural areas is a viable answer. The wind and solar products are out there but it will take years for manufacturers to make them affordable and they take ten years or less to get our money back, so we must concentrate on conservation for now.

We all need to concentrate more on energy conservation and will benefit from these projects because we are paying ourselves back with energy savings. There are not many things we can do to receive such a fast reward, so we need to focus on rolling up our sleeves and get some of these things done. You can hire a professional to do the work or advise you on what needs done and how to do it. We are already seeing a difference in the gas prices because of our lower demand and conservation efforts made this summer.

Thermal Specialties & Installation offers all your energy service needs.

Replacement windows with double pane Low-E Glass & Argon Gas

Patio Doors with Low-E Glass & Argon Gas

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Draft Inspections

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