









COMFORT, HEALTH, AND SAVINGS FOR YOUR HOME

ENERGY EFFICIENCY / ENERGY AUDITS / CLEAN HEATING & COOLING / SOLAR

An Overview

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Home Energy Efficiency & Savings





Connecticut's Target



Public Act 18-82:

"An Act Concerning Climate Change Planning and Resiliency"

Requires Connecticut's to meet its climate goals of reducing statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, relative to a 2001 baseline





THE SOURCE OF CARBON EMISSIONS

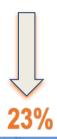
36%



Transportation On-Road



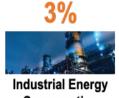
Transportation Other



Residential Energy Consumption



Commercial Energy Consumption



Consumption



Energy Supply & Distribution



3%

Source: Mid-Hudson Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory



Connecticut's Strategy

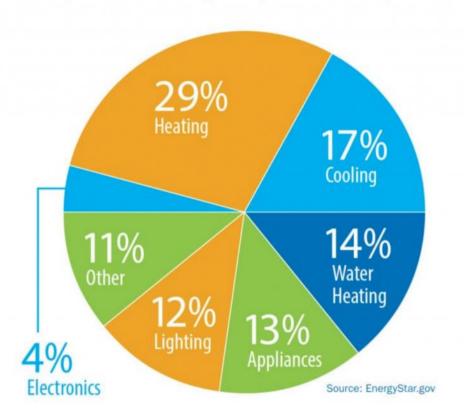


- 1) Energy-efficiency improvements in buildings and appliances
- 2) Replace fossil fuel reliant equipment with renewable thermal technologies
- 3) Use of clean electricity supply resources and demand flexibility





Energy Use Breakdown (Based on average use per household)





UNDERSTANDING HOME ENERGY INEFFICIENCY

SYMPTOMS OF WASTED ENERGY

- ➤ Uncomfortable Home
- ➤ Poor Air Quality
- Mold, Mildew, Musty Odors
- ➤ Cold Floors in Winter
- Damp Basement
- ➤ Drafty Rooms
- ➤ Dust
- Moisture on Windows
- ➤ Ice Dams
- Peeling Paint
- Climate Change
- ➤ ... A Leaky Wallet

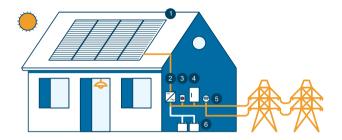
THE CAUSES

- ➤ Leaks in the *Pressure* Boundary
- ➤ Inadequate *Thermal* Boundary





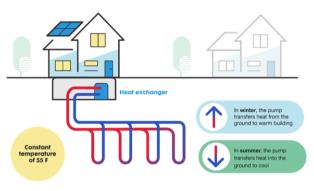
TECHNOLOGIES



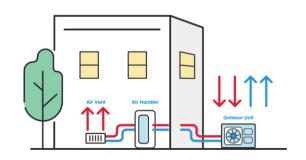
Solar PV + Storage



Home Energy Efficiency



Ground Source Heat Pump

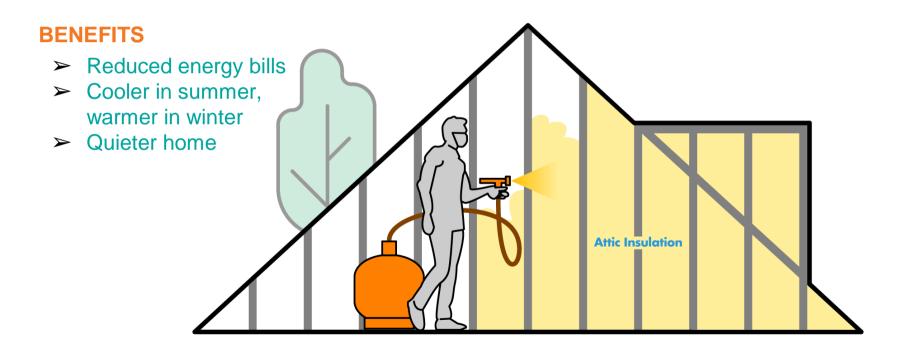


Air Source Heat Pump

Heat Pump Hot Water Heater



HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY WEATHERIZATION





WHY AIR LEAKAGE HAPPENS:

THE STACK EFFECT

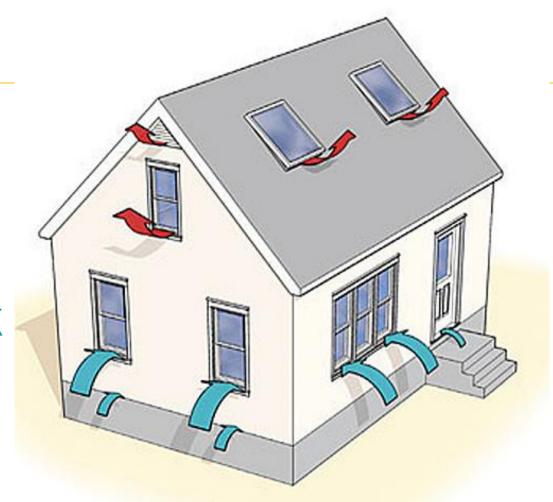






WHY AIR
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THE STACK
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FROM THE
OUTSIDE

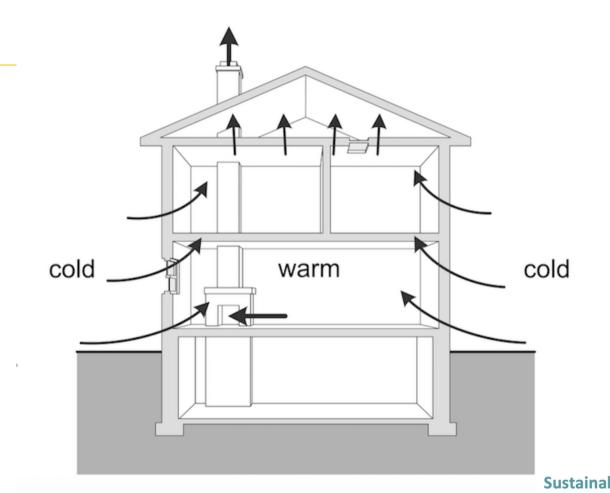






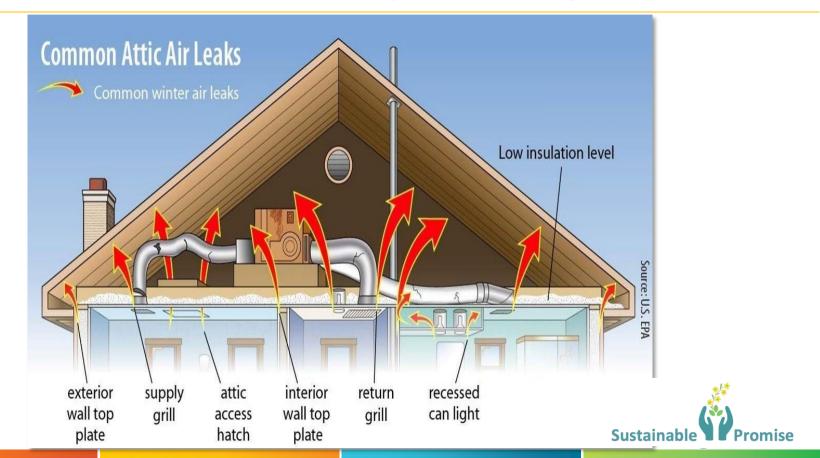
WHY AIR
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INSIDE





WHERE AIR LEAKAGE HAPPENS





WHERE AIR LEAKAGE HAPPENS

EVIDENCE OF ATTIC AIR LEAKS



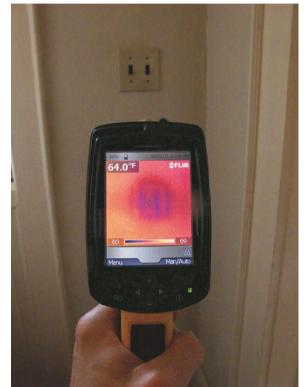


HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT



A BPI Certified contractor conducts a blower door test to depressurize the home and uses an infrared camera to detect air leaks leading to heat loss





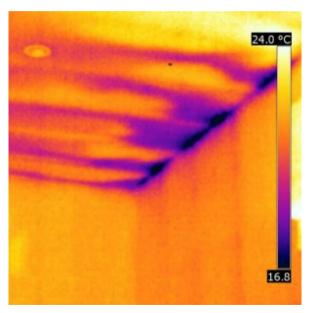


HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT



Thermal Imaging: Infrared camera helps diagnose insulation and air leakage issues









AIR SEALING

BENEFITS

Tightening the Pressure Boundary reduces drafts through the home

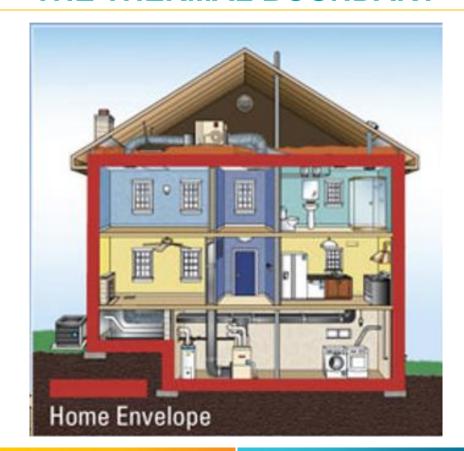






THE THERMAL BOUNDARY

IS THE HOME'S
INSULATION
CONTINUOUS
AND IS IT
SUFFICIENT?







INSULATING THE HOME

BENEFITS

➤ Improving the
Thermal Boundary
reduces heat loss
from the home



Cellulose insulation in the attic caps thermal losses









Cellulose insulation is dense-packed in walls

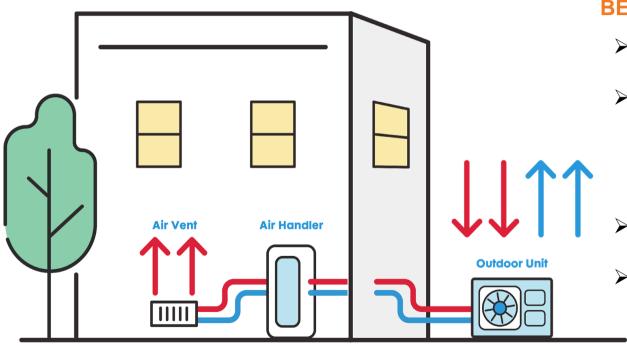


Foamed cellar rim joist air seals and insulates





AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS



- Heating & Cooling
- ASHP pumps are 2 to 3 times more efficient than most fossil fuel heating systems
- Two types of applications
- Rebate + tax credit





AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

DUCTLESS SPLIT SYSTEM

Multiple indoor blower units connect to one or more outdoor units



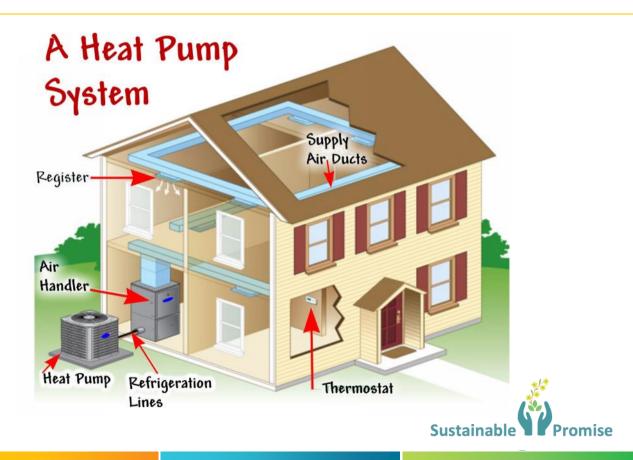
Sustainable



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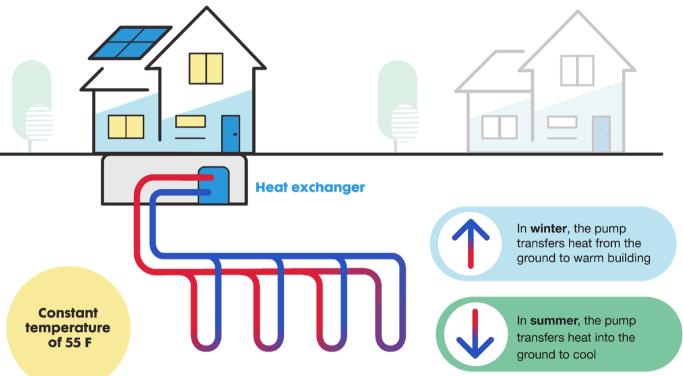
CENTRAL AIR SYSTEM

Indoor air handler connects to an outdoor unit





GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP (aka GEOTHERMAL)



- Heating & Cooling
- GSHP pumps are 3-5 times more efficient than most fossil fuel heating systems
- Most efficient cooling system





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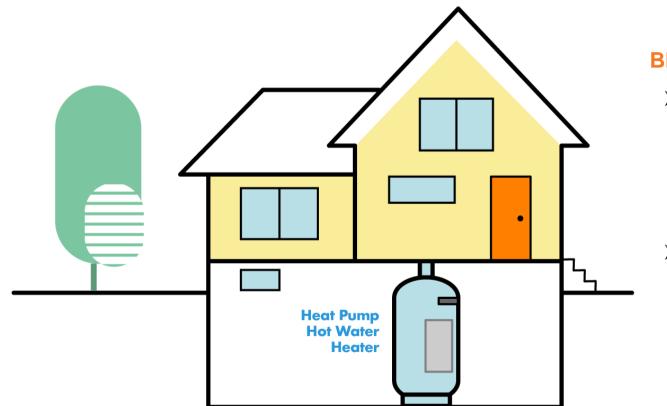


- Lowest operating cost for heating and cooling
- No outdoor equipment
- Longest system lifespan
- Central air distribution
- Rebate + highest tax credit





HEAT PUMP HOT WATER HEATER



- > HPHWH is 2 to 3 times more efficient than most domestic hot water heaters
- Dehumidifies too!





HEAT PUMP HOT WATER HEATER

- > The most efficient hot water heater
- Provides reliable hot water.
- Reduced energy use inexpensive to operate
- Backup electric resistance to meet high demand
- Looks like a taller hot water tank with a heat pump on top
- No flame. No pilot light. No emissions.







SOLAR ELECTRIC (PV)



- ➤ 100% Renewable energy
- Generate your own electricity
- Sized to meet electricity use including heat pumps
- Backup battery storage available for resiliency
- ➤ Highest tax credit

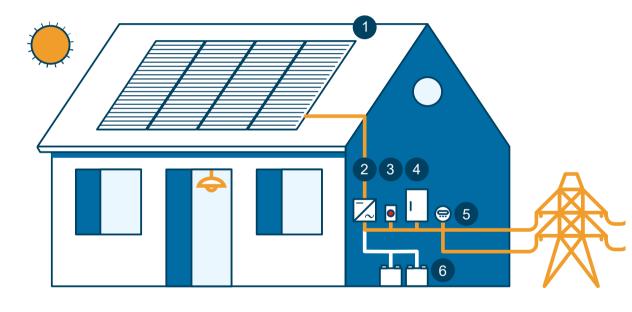




SOLAR ELECTRIC (PV)

HOW IT WORKS

- Solar panels
- > Inverter
- Safety disconnect
- Main service panel
- Electric meter
- Battery (optional)
- > Two incentive rate structures: Buy-All or Netting







MAKING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AFFORDABLE

HOME ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Get an in-home energy performance assessment. Services can include: Sealing air leaks and ductwork, installing hot water pipe wrap, faucet aerators, and low-flow showerheads

RESIDENTIAL INSULATION INCENTIVE

Rebate Offer: Up to \$1.70 per square foot on approved insulation projects recommended during your visit.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPLE-PANE WINDOW INCENTIVE

Rebate Offer: \$100 per window

APPLIANCE REBATES

Rebate Offer: Up to \$50 for replacement of certain inefficient appliances with qualifying energy-efficient models

HEAT PUMP REBATES

Rebate Offer: Up to \$15,000 for CC-ASHP or GSHP; Up to \$750 for HPHWH

FINANCING

Smart-E Loans for customers making home energy-efficient improvements, including insulation, air-sealing, windows, HVAC and water heating equipment, and clean energy (renewable) technologies





FEDERAL TAX CREDITS (THE IRA)



YOUR SAVINGS CALCULATOR

How much money can you get with the Inflation Reduction Act?

https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator



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Questions?



