

SAVE ENERGY. SAVE MONEY.

These few easy improvements could save you almost \$4,000!

A skilled contractor could save you up to **\$1,000** on your heating and cooling costs over five years, just by better sealing and insulating your home. Increase the savings by upgrading to an EnergyStar furnace and air conditioner, and you could save another **\$1,000** on heating and cooling over the same time period.

Upgrading your 1990s refrigerator to an EnergyStar model could save you **\$315** over five years.

Save up to **\$900** over five years by replacing two older toilets with high-efficiency models.

Upgrade your 10-year-old washing machine to a high-efficiency model and you could save **\$675** over five years.

Source: www.energystar.gov



In 2006, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and the First Suburbs Coalition began the Home Remodeling Loan Program in 15 inner-ring Kansas City suburbs. The program's success has seen it expand to 33 communities. To date, more than \$3 million in loans have helped residents make their homes more comfortable and more valuable. Homeowners in the communities listed below are eligible to apply for special discounted rates on home equity loans of up to \$30,000 through CommunityAmerica Credit Union.

Visit www.marc.org/loanprogram or call 913/905-6629 for more information.

Kansas

Bonner Springs
Edwardsville
Fairway
Gardner
Johnson County*
Kansas City
Leavenworth
Merriam
Mission
Olathe
Overland Park
Prairie Village
Roeland Park
Shawnee
Tonganoxie
Westwood

Missouri

Clay County*
Gladstone
Grandview
Houston Lake
Independence
Jackson County*
Kansas City
Lee's Summit
Liberty
North Kansas City
Northmoor
Parkville
Platte City
Platte Woods
Raytown
Riverside
Sugar Creek



* unincorporated

Energy-efficient improvements **MAKE SENSE**



and dollars!



Five easy steps to energy savings

- 1. Select a certified energy analyst** to evaluate your home's energy efficiency. The analyst shows you which improvements will help you save the most energy and the most money. (Visit www.kcenergy.org for a list of certified analysts.)
- 2. Choose what improvements you'll make.** Some improvements will be easy decisions, but ultimately, you will choose how much or how little you do. Maybe you'd like to install solar panels or a geothermal heat pump, even if it might take some time to see the cost savings. Or maybe you only want to do the low-cost things that will give you immediate savings, like sealing leaks and improving your home's insulation. It's a personal decision. Only you know what will work best for your home.
- 3. Decide how you will finance your project.** There are many rebates, low- and no-interest loans and tax credits available. The MARC Home Remodeling Loan Program can provide qualified homeowners up to \$30,000 for home improvements! See the list at right for more resources. Use as many as you're eligible for to receive maximum savings.
- 4. Work with a certified contractor** to make the improvements you select to your home. You can also make it a do-it-yourself project, but note that some incentives are only available for work done by a certified contractor. (Visit www.kcenergy.org for a list of certified contractors.)
- 5. Enjoy** your new energy-efficient home, and the savings that come with it!



Need some inspiration?
Download the free Green Remodeling Idea Book at www.marc.org/greenideabook.



Make the process even easier! The Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC) is available to help you through the energy-efficient improvement process. Visit www.kcenergy.org or call 816/531-7283 for more information.

How will you pay for it?

MARC Home Remodeling Loan

Low-interest home equity loans of up to \$30,000. Available to qualified residents of 33 cities throughout the metro area. See reverse for more information.
www.marc.org/loanprogram

Atmos Energy

Appliance rebates for Atmos Energy's Missouri customers.
www.atmosenergy.com

Cool Homes

Rebates for Missouri KCP&L customers on energy-efficient air conditioners or heat pumps.
www.kcplsave.com

Efficiency Kansas

Low-cost loans for energy upgrades for Kansas residents.
www.encykansas.com

Energy Smart Homes

No-interest loans for qualified energy-efficiency measures for Kansas City, Kan., Board of Public Utilities customers.
www.energysmartbpu.org

EnergyStar

Federal tax credits for qualifying purchases.
www.energystar.gov

EnergyWorks KC

Comprehensive information on energy-efficiency resources, including finding financial incentives and selecting certified analysts and contractors, for Kansas City, Mo., property owners.
www.energyworkskc.org

Home Performance with EnergyStar

Rebates for KCP&L and/or Missouri Gas Energy customers.
www.hpwes.net

Independence Power & Light

Low-interest loans and appliance rebates for customers' eligible energy-efficiency measures.
www.independencehelp.org

Missouri Gas Energy

Rebates on qualifying central heating units and water heaters for MGE customers.
www.betterheatingnow.com