

# Home Energy Efficiency

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# **Class Outline**

• Residential energy use overview



• Whole house approach



Considerations for moving forward





# Energy Use - Nationwide





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# Energy Use - Colorado

<b>End-Use Sector</b>	Energy Use (bil BTU)	Percent	30% savings = 7 power
Residential	332,692	22.9%	plants
Commercial	291,763	20.1%	
Industrial	409,873	28.2%	
Transportation	417,897	28.8%	

Source - www.eia.gov/state/state-energy-profiles-data.cfm?sid=CO#Consumption



### **Reinventing Fire: Vision**

#### Hourly operability in a high-penetration renewables scenario



\* PHEV is plug-in hybrid electric vehicle and CAES is compressed air energy storage



Integrated Resource Planning.

Voluntary/mixed building codes.

sales annually. DECOUPLING for all utilities. 2012 IECC and voluntary stretch codes.





22% decrease per home







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#### ALL ENERGY average per household (excl. transportation)



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### Heating Fuel Comparison

Electricity	3,412	BTU per kWh	\$ 0.12	per kWh	\$ 35.17	per MMBTU
Natural Gas	1,000,000	BTU per Mcf	\$ 7.82	per Mcf	\$ 7.82	per MMBTU
Propane	91,500	BTU per gallon	\$ 2.50	per gallon	\$ 27.32	per MMBTU
Wood	22,000,000	BTU per cord	\$ 200.00	per cord	\$ 9.09	per MMBTU
Pellets	16,200,000	BTU per ton	\$ 250.00	per ton	\$ 15.43	per MMBTU



### **Read Your Bills**

Electric Service - Acc	count Summary				
Invoice Number	0437053245	5	Residential General		
Meter No	00000S795	978	Summer Tier 1*	396 kWh x 0.046040	\$18.23
Rate		Residential General	GRSA		\$3.51
Days in Bill Period	30		Trans Cost Adj	396 kWh x 0.000040	\$0.02
Current Reading	27555	Actual 08/29/2012	Elec Commodity Adj	396 kWh x 0.026650	\$10.55
Previous Reading	2/159	Actual 07/30/2012	Demand Side Might Lost	396 KWN X 0.001310	\$0.52
Kilowall-Hours Used	390		Sorvice & Eacility	396 KVVII X U UU093U	\$6.75
			Bonow Energy Std Adi		\$0.75 \$1.83
			Subtotal		\$43.15
			Total Amount		\$43.15
Gas Service - Accourt	nt Summary				
Invoice Number	0220968212	2	Residential		
Meter No.	0000AFC18	991	Usage Charge	17 therms x 0.090000	\$1.53
Rate	RG	Residential	Interstate Pipeline	17 therms x 0.081790	\$1.39
Days in Bill Period	30		Natural Gas 3 Utr	17 therms x 0.216770	\$3.69
Current Reading	4431	Actual 08/29/2012	Pipe Sys Int Adj	17 therms x 0.015880	611.70
Previous Reading	4412	Actual 07/30/2012	Service & Facility		<u>\$11.78</u>
Thorm Multiplior	0.8025		Total Amount		\$18.68
Therms Used	17.0				\$10.00
Comparison Informati	ion				
		Bi	Iling Period Kwh Usage	/Month Therm Usage	Avg. Daily Temp.
Gas	\$18.68 per month	\$0.62 per day Th	is Year 396	17	73°
Electric	\$43.15 per month	\$1.44 per day La	st Year (21	0	75°



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#### Determining a Baseload



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# **Energy Audits**





### Whole House Approach





#### The 7 Habits of Highly Efficient Homeowners 2.









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### What Affects Behavior?

AVERAGE WITHIN-HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION CHANGES, 2000-2002



Source: Changes are relative to the same months during pre-crisis years, with weather and trend removed.

Reiss & White 2008



#### What Affects Behavior II?









HAVE A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT



Lutz et. al: 47% in program mode Bouchelle et. al: Habits more important than technology





#### **Smart Homes**





**GE Z-Wave** 









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VIDEO: <a href="http://insynctive.pella.com/motorized-blinds">http://insynctive.pella.com/motorized-blinds</a>



# Comfort and the Building Shell





Source: Residential Energy, 5th Edition



### Variations in Load



Source: Residential Energy, 5th Edition



### Air Leaks: Diagnosis





Source: www.energysavers.gov

http://www.infraredimagingservices.com/residential-energyscan





Source: National Park Service



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#### Air Leaks - Other



Source: www.bbc.co.uk



Source: <u>www.greenhomelogic.com</u>









# Too Tight?

- .35 air changes/hour
- Moisture, VOCs, CO, Particulates
- Spot ventilation





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Density
Installation
DIY?
Air sealer?
Cost



### Greenwashing?





#### **Recommended R-Values for Colorado**

Space	<b>Recommended R-Value</b>
Attic	49
Wall	18
Floor	25
Crawlspace	19
Basement	11

Source: Colorado Governor's Energy Office



#### Which is better?





### Landscaping







# Existing Windows – Adding Storms

# Effects of adding low-E storm windows to existing windows



#### HAVE DOUBLE/TRIPLE PANE WINDOWS



US DOE Chicago study:

- 13-20% reduction in heating load
- 5-10 year simple payback



#### Existing Windows – Adding Treatments

Treatment	Heat Gain/Loss Potential	Other Comments
awnings	65-77% gain reduction	no heat loss potential
interior blinds	45%	if highly reflective
draperies	heat loss by 25% if sealed and heat gain by 33%	highly variable based on fabric and color
shades	variable	some shades can insulate and control air infiltration
shutters	variable	reduce heat gain/loss and offer storm protection (exterior)



Source: US DOE



# New Windows?

• U-factor

rate of heat loss through an assembly

- Solar Heat Gain Coefficient solar radiation admitted through a window
- Visible Transmittance the higher the number the more light let in



http://www.alpenhpp.com



### Window Basics II

#### Frames

Frame Type	Thermal Resistance	Other Comments
Aluminum/Metal	Poor	Strong and low maintenance
Composite	Good	Better moisture/decay resistance than conventional wood
Fiberglass	Good-Excellent	Can fill cavities with insulation for excellent thermal resistance
Vinyl	Good - Excellent	Vulnerable to warping/cracking at extreme temperatures; color fading
Wood	Good	Maintenance intensive

Gla	zing
<b>Glazing Feature</b>	Performance Characteristics
Gas fills	Enhance thermal resistance
Tints	Reduce SHGC, VT
Insulated	Reduce U-factor, SHGC
Low-E Coating	Reduce U-factor; significant cost and energy savings potential; can reduce VT

Source: US DOE



#### BREAK





### Whole House Approach





#### MAIN HEATING FUEL USED





#### **Furnaces and Boilers**

#### Table 1. Annual Estimated Savings for Every \$100 of Fuel Costs by Increasing YourHeating Equipment Efficiency\*

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70% = \$11.17

Existing System	New opgraded System Aroc												
AFUE	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	80%	85% 🤇	90%	95%				
50%	\$9.09	\$16.76	\$23.07	\$28.57	\$33.33	\$37.50	\$41.24	\$44.24	\$47.36				
55%		\$8.33	\$15.38	\$21.42	\$26.66	\$31.20	\$35.29	\$38.88	\$42.10				
60%			\$7.69	\$14.28	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$29.41	\$33.33	\$37.80				
65%				\$7.14	\$13.33	\$18.75	\$23.52	\$27.77	\$31.57				
70%					\$6.66	\$12.50	\$17.64	\$22.22	\$26.32				
75%						\$6.50	\$11.76	\$16.66	\$21.10				
80%							\$5.88	\$11.11	\$15.80				
85%								\$5.55	\$10.50				
90%									\$5.30				

\*Assuming the same heat output



Source: U.S. Federal Trade Commission



# Sizing and Efficiency

- Square footage
- Climate
- Heat loss and gain
- Occupant comfort

Manual J from AC Contractors of America

#### Concepts

- $U^*A^*\Delta T = Transmissive load$
- $0.018*F*\Delta T = Exchange$ load
- TL + EL = Output rating
- Output/Efficiency = Input



# Payback Time

	No Air Sealing/Insulation, Low Efficiency	Air Sealed & Insulated, Low Efficiency	Air Sealed & Insulated, High Efficiency
Furnace size	60,000 BTU	50,000 BTU	40,000 BTU
AFUE	82%	82%	95%
Installed furnace cost	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$2,200
Insulation and air sealing cost	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Utility rebates	\$0	\$150	\$300
Net cost	\$1,500	\$2,150	\$2,900
Incremental cost	-	\$650	\$1,400
Therms per year	1,112	623	538
Annual operating cost	\$890	\$499	\$430
Annual savings	-	\$391	\$459
Payback period (years)	-	1.7	3.0
ROI		60.2%	32.8%
Lifetime operating cost	\$17,795	\$9,975	\$8,610
Lifetime savings	-	\$7,820	\$9,185

Plus motor electrical savings...



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# Heating Fuel Comparison

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			Cost per Unit	Fuel Price per MMBTU	Efficiency	Cost per Delivered MMBTU
Natural Gas	1,000,000	BTU per Mcf	\$7.82	\$7.82	90%	\$8.69
GSHP	3,412	BTU per kWh	\$0.12	\$35.17	300%	\$11.72
Wood	22,000,000	BTU per cord	\$200	\$9.09	72%	\$12.63
Pellets	16,200,000	BTU per ton	\$250	\$15.43	78%	\$19.78
Propane	91,500	BTU per gallon	\$2.50	\$27.32	90%	\$30.36
Electric Furnace	3,412	BTU per kWh	\$0.12	\$35.17	98%	\$35.89



#### Are GSHPs Really Green?

683	therms input
0.82	efficiency
560	output
56,000,000	btu output
16,413	kWh output
3	efficiency
5,471	kWh input
11.7	lbs/therm
1.4	lbs/kWh
7,990	lbs from gas
7,659	lbs from gshp
4.3%	difference



# **Retrofitting Wood Stoves**



http://firecatcombustors.blogspot.com/2010/03/where-is-catalytic-combustor-in-my.html







### **Cooling Systems**











### Swamp Cooler Performance

Temperatures Delivered by Evaporative Coolers

		2	5	10	15	20	2.5	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80					
	75	54	55	57	58	59	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72					
	80	57	58	60	62	63	64	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	74	76	76	77					
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% Relative Humidity

Source: California Energy Commission



# Domestic Hot Water: which one is different?













Use	Average per u	gallons se	Maximum times used in 1 hour		Gallons used in 1 hour	
Shower/bath	10	х	2	=	20	
Shaving (0.05 gpm)	2	Х	1	=	2	
Hand dishwashing/food prep	4	Х	1	=	4	
Automatic dishwashing	6	Х	1	=	6	
Clothes washing	7	х	2	=	14	
			Total peak hour demand		46	

Vs.

#### Comparison of Temperature Rise to Flow (In Gallons per Minute)



Source: "Installing On-Demand Water Heaters", Journal of Light Construction, Feb. 2006

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#### Transport – Ducts and Pipes







Insulate room as well?



# Lighting









# Lighting Costs and Bennys

Bulb	Lumens	Watts	Lumens per watt	Initial cost	kWh per year	Cost per year	Lifetime (years)	# of bulbs needed over LED life	Cost of bulbs over LED life	kWh over LED life	Cost of kWh over LED life	Total costs over LED life
Incan.	630	60	10.5	\$1.50	66	\$7.23	1	23	\$34.50	1,511	\$166.22	\$200.72
Hal.	750	43	17.4	\$1.25	47	\$5.18	1	23	\$28.75	1,083	\$119.13	\$147.88
CFL	900	13	69.2	\$2.00	14	\$1.57	11	2	\$4.00	327	\$36.01	\$40.01
LED	815	11	74.1	\$7.00	12	\$1.32	23	1	\$7.00	277	\$30.47	\$37.47

Assumes 3 hours/day and \$0.11/kWh

#### Lighting Facts Per Bulb

Brightness	800 lumens
Estimated Yearly Ene	ergy Cost \$1.14
Cost depends on rates a	and use
Life	ENERGY STAR
Based on 3 hrs/day	22.8 years
Light Appearance	
Warm	Cool
2700 K	
Energy Used	9.5 watts



#### CFL vs. LED

#### CFL



#### Average lighting efficacy (light output per unit of energy consumed) and cost per bulb lumens/watt dollars 250 70 projections history 60 200 history projections 50 150 40 30 100 20 50 10 0 2030 2020 2040 2010 0 2020 2030 2040 2010 2020 2030 light-emitting diode (LED) compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) incandescent/halogen 2040 eia

LED



# The Myth of Mercury

22.68	grams per Gwh*
0.02268	milligrams per kWh
77	watts saved from 100 watt incandescent to 23 watt CFL
4	hours/day
365	days/year
112	kWh/year
2.5	milligrams saved per CFL per year
5	milligrams in average CFL
2.0	mercury "payback" period
	(2,920 hours)

From: Focus on Energy Public Benefits Evaluation Estimating Seasonal and Peak Environmental Emissions Factors—Final Report May 21, 2004







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#### Households with selected appliances and electronics, 2009 percent of households







# Appliances



How Much Electricity Do Appliances Use?













#### Book readin', meat lovin', front loaders







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#### Phantom Loss







# Radon Fans

- Typical radon fan = 60 watts vs. high efficiency fan = 20 watts
- Need 4" pipe
- \$130
- Payback period at \$0.10/kWh?





#### Net-Zero Energy Homes That Are Cashflow Neutral

NREL Analysis using BEOpt software for Boulder,CO climate



Example taken from the "GEOS" Neighborhood. Courtesy of Wonderland Hills Development,

NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY



# **Colorado Energy Savings Mortgage**

HERS Index Rating 50-40

New homes

HERS Index Rating 39-25

HERS Index Rating 24-11

HERS Index Rating 10 and below

\$2,000 benefit (State Max \$1,500) \$3,000 benefit (State Max \$2,000) \$4,000 benefit (State Max \$3,000) \$8,000 benefit (State Max \$6,000)

HERS Index Rating Improvement of \$2,000 benefit (State Max: \$1,500) 10 to 20 points\*\* HERS Index Rating Improvement of

Existing homes

\$3,000 benefit (State Max: \$2,500) 21-35\*\* HERS Index Rating Improvement of \$4,000 benefit (State Max: \$3,500) 36-50\*\* HERS Index Rating Improvement of \$5,000 benefit (State Max: \$4,000) 51-65\*\* HERS Index Rating Improvement of

\$6,000 benefit (State Max: \$5,000) lorado 66 or greater\*\*

#### Green MLS

TAXES *Taxes: \$	*Tax Year:	LOT SIZE Appr	ox. Acres:	Lot Size (sq. ft.):		
SCHOOLS *Sch	ool District:		*High Sch	ool:		
*Middle:		*Elem:		Elem 2:		
UTILITIES *Water Supplier:	Elec	Supplier:		_Gas Supplier:		
CONTRACT & COMPENSATION         *Listing Contract: (Check one)         *Short Pay?: Y/N         *Exclusive Right to Sell, Transaction Broker         Exclusive Right to Sell, Agency         Exclusive Right to Sell, Agency         Exclusive Right to Sell, Trans Broker, with Variable Rate Commission         Exclusive Rt to Sell, Agency, with Variable Rate Commission         Exclusive Agency with Variable Rate Commission         Exclusive Agency with Variable Rate Commission         Exclusive Agency with Variable Rate Commission         * Limited Service?:       Y/N         * Limited Service?:       Y/N         For Showings, contact:       None / Listing Office / Listing Agent / Other:         MISC       *New Const: Y / N         * New Const: Y / N       *If Yes, Const. Completed?: Y / N         * New Const: Y / N       *If Yes, Const. Completed?: Y / N         * New Const: Y / N       *If Yes, Const. Completed?: Y / N						
Model Name		Builder	*	Water Meter Installed? Y/N		
*Water Rights? Y	/ N Well Permit #	Waterfront	?Y/N			
ENERGY/GREEN FIELDS -Note: If "Yes, Year Certified/Installed and Score are required. Documents verifying certification are also required and should be uploaded with this listing.						
Certifications:	HERS Rating:		Y/N	*Year Certified: *Score: (0-240)		
	ENERGY STAR® Qualified N	lew Home :	Y/N	*Year Certified:		
	LEED for Homes:		Y/N	*Year Certified:		
	NAHB/NGBS-ICC 700:		Y/N	*Year Certified:		
Solar:	Solar PV:		Y/N	*Year Installed: * Kilowatts		
	Solar Thermal:		Y/N	*Year Installed: * Type (e.g. "Water")		
"Green Features A	ddendum" uploaded?		Y/N			
*Has an HOA? Y/I *Has Assn Fee?	N If Yes, HOA Name: Y / N If Yes, * <b>Assn.Fee =</b> \$	per *	HOA Phone: Assn.Transf	Has Covenants? Y/N er Fee? Y / N *Assn. Reserve? Y / N		



#### **Green Features Addendum**

1.	Home Performance P	rograms Home Performance with	ENERGY STAR	
2.	Construction Type:	SIPS     ICF       Improved Insulation     Straw Bale       Other	Material Efficient	Framing mmed Earth
3.	Heating, Cooling and Ventilation: (check box for each type)	Ground Source Heat Pump Tankless/On Demand Water Heater Evaporative Cooling High SEER A/C SEER Rating:	High Efficiency F High Efficiency V Whole House Fan Insulation Air Sea Home Orientation	urnace/Boiler (eg. >= 90% AFUE) Vater Heater (eg. >=90%, or EF>=.82 for gas) Ceiling Fans ling Upgrades Completed (South Facing Overhangs)
4.	Water Efficient Features:	<ul> <li>Low Flow Toilets</li> <li>Low Water sod</li> <li>Xeriscaping</li> <li>WaterSense by ENERGY STAR</li> </ul>	Low Flow Fixture Hot Water Recircu Greywater System	es/Shower Heads ulation Pump/Structured Plumbing n
5.	Indoor Air Quality:	<ul> <li>Indoor Air Quality Plus by ENERGY ST</li> <li>Heat Recovery Ventilator/Fresh Air Syst</li> <li>Green Guard Certified Carpet / Flooring</li> <li>No Formaldehyde Certified Cabinetry (dd)</li> </ul>	TAR tem (documentation required) ocumentation required)	<ul> <li>No or Low VOC Paint</li> <li>Radon Mitigation System</li> </ul>
6.	Sustainable Materials:	FSC Certified Lumber       FSC         Reclaimed Flooring       Sustantian	Certified Cabinets ainable Flooring	Recycled Content Regionally Harvested
7.	Energy Features:	<ul> <li>ENERGY STAR/Low E Windows (docum</li> <li>Orientation/Passive Solar Design</li> <li>ENERGY STAR Rated Roof (documentation)</li> </ul>	nentation required) n required)	<ul> <li>Automated Lighting Controls</li> <li>High Efficiency Lighting</li> <li>Programmable Thermostat</li> </ul>
8.	ENERGY STAR Appliances:	Refrigerator Range/Oven	Dishwashe	er Clothes Washer



#### **Mixed Results**

- 2009 study in WA (Griffin et. al):
  - Value Increased When Descriptions for Sustainable/Green Features Are Added to an MLS Listing
  - Referencing Third Party Verification in the MLS is Important
  - Consumers are Willing to Pay More for Environmentally Friendly / Cost Saving Homes
- Appraisers need comparables
- Only 1/3 of eligible green features entered properly into CO MLS
- Green MLS fields optional in CO

David W. Scott, Colorado Landmark, Realtors



# **Closing Thoughts**

- Challenges
  - low energy prices
  - peer chicken and egg
  - where to start?
  - impact?
- Opportunities
  - audit/HERS a reference doc/score
  - some sexy techs
  - financing, rebates, and adding value
  - low-hanging fruit and the conservation identity



#### What's Right for You?



