



## HOMEOWNER GUIDE to GREEN INCENTIVES and RESOURCES

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### **Federal**

[Home Improvements – Stimulus Bill update](#)

[Efficient Cars – Stimulus Bill update](#)

*Improvements / Purchases made in 2009 will be claimed on your 2009 taxes (filed by April 15, 2010) — use IRS Tax Form 5695 (2009 version) — it will be available late 2009 or early 2010.*

[Tax Incentives Assistance Project \(TIAP\)](#)

[Brochure: Residential Energy Efficiency Incentives \(TIAP\)](#)

### **State**

[The Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency \(DSIRE\)](#)

[US Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by State](#)

[National Association of State Energy Officials – Funding Opportunities and Resources](#)

### **Local**

[The Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency \(DSIRE\)](#)

[Energy Star's Appliance Rebate Locator \(by zip code\)](#)

### **Utility**

[The Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency \(DSIRE\)](#)

[Programs and Incentives Information from the Edison Electric Institute](#)

**Did you know special financing and funding is available for green home purchase and improvements?**

### **Financing and Funding for Green Homes and Improvements**

[Energy Efficient Mortgages – from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

[Energy Efficient Mortgages – from Residential Energy Services Network \(RESNET\)](#)

[Green Financing Programs – from myEnergyLoan](#)

[Funding Opportunities – directory from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)

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### **National Certifications and Guidelines**

[Energy Efficiency for New Homes - from ENERGY STAR®](#)

[Energy Efficiency through Home Improvement - from ENERGY STAR](#)

[National Green Building Program – from the National Association of Home Builders \(NAHB\)](#)

[LEED® For Homes – from the U.S. Green Building Council \(USGBC\)](#)

[REGREEN – USGBC's guide to green home remodeling](#)

### **Other Home Guidelines and Resources**

[Air Quality at Home - from EPA's Indoor airPLUS Program](#)

[Saving Water at Home - from EPA's Water Program](#)

[Waste Reduction at Home - from EPA's Waste Program](#)

[Find Recycling Centers for Various Home Items – from Earth 911](#)

[Freecycle](#)

[Restore \(Habitat for Humanity\)](#)

### **Local Resources**

[Dominion Virginia Power](#)

[Arlington County's Recycling Programs](#)

[Arlington County's Green Building Program](#)

[Arlington County Water Saving Tips](#)

[Washington Gas Energy Saving Tips](#)

[Virginia Division of Energy](#)

[Virginia Sustainable Building Network](#)

### **Home Energy Audits**

The first step towards an energy-efficient home is to conduct an energy audit to find out where your home is losing energy. They range around \$500 depending on the size of your home. An audit performed by a Certified Rater can include a blower door test to depressurize your home to look for air leaks, infrared scan of walls and ceilings, a low E detector for windows, and a survey of your lighting and appliances. A report is generated with recommendations. Verification of improvements developed from the report can be a major selling point. Remember to check with your local utility to see if they offer free or discounted energy audits for their customers.

[More information on Home Energy Audits – from Energy Star](#)

[Find a Certified Rater – from RESNET](#)

**As an NAR Green Designee I have advanced training in seeking out, understanding, and marketing homes with green features. I can help you separate fact from fiction and make informed decisions regarding green real estate. Feel free to contact me with any questions about greening your life and home.**

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