

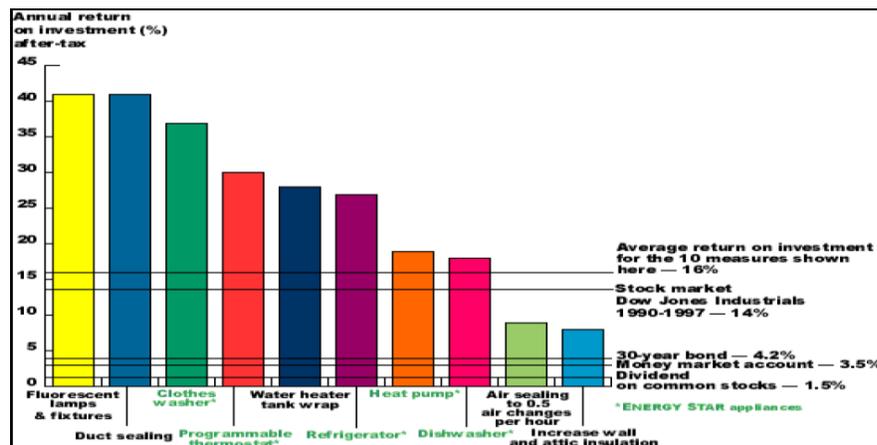


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## Energy Efficiency

- <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/financial/index.html>  
This website offers a comprehensive list of rebates and loan programs available to residents seeking to lower their energy bills and make their homes more sustainable. Programs are sponsored by the public and private sector.
- <http://www.lacledegas.com/efficiency/Conservation%20&%20Energy%20Efficiency%20Programs/>  
Here is a list of rebates from the Laclede gas company which are designed to make it easy and affordable for you to upgrade to more energy efficient heating equipment in your home. For more cost-intensive projects, such as replacing your furnace, Laclede offers low-interest loan programs.
- <http://www.stlouiscountysaves.com/HomeOwners.aspx>  
This program, primarily organized by St. Louis County, offers affordable loans for energy efficient home improvements. After you complete an application for this program you can choose from the approved lists of energy assessors and contractors to identify and execute various energy efficient improvements on your home. Improvements will create energy savings that will pay back your loan and give you additional money in your pocket besides!
- <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/sustainability-conservation/sustainable-living/at-home/hpwes.aspx>  
Home performance with Energy Star connects homeowners with contractors who have trained and specialized in energy efficient upgrades to homes. For a reasonable fee the contractor completes a comprehensive assessment of the energy use of your home. After the inspection is completed, the contractor will produce a holistic guide on what you can do to make your home more energy efficient.

### Graph Showing Annual Return on Investment for Energy Efficient Home Renewal



\*Trouble seeing this graph clearly? Find the original version here: <http://www.in.gov/oed/2417.htm>

- <http://www.ameren.com/sites/aea/Videos/Pages/Videos.aspx>  
If you are feeling handy and want to make some changes to your home yourself, go to Ameren's website and check out their energy efficient upgrades DIY video section. This series of videos covers a wide range of projects in the home, ranging from fitting skylights to installing insulation.
- <http://www.ameren.com/sites/aea/RebatesIncentives/Pages/RebatesIncentives.aspx>  
A great list of rebates and incentives made available to you by Ameren in order to make it easy and relatively cheap for you to make your home energy efficient. The majority of the upgrades are 50% off and there are lists of incentives for both homes and businesses.
- <http://www.ameren.com/sites/aea/SavingsTips/Pages/HomeSavingsTips.aspx>  
Here Ameren provides you with a series of saving tips for both your home and business. Reduce your energy costs and make your home or business a healthier and more environmentally friendly place by implementing these simple and often completely free changes.
- <http://www.stlrcga.org/x4596.xml>  
Organized by the Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA), the Green Business Challenge is a chance for businesses to learn how to become significantly more sustainable. For a fee of \$395 for RCGA members and \$995 for non-members, the Green Business Challenge will bring in experts to help you improve your sustainability and your bottom line.
- <http://www.usgbc-mogateway.org/about-us/>  
The US Green Building Council's (USGBC) vision is "to restore buildings and communities that will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation." The Missouri chapter is one of the most successful in the nation. Find out what they are doing and how to get involved on their website.
- <http://www.stlhba.com/consumer/greenbuilding>  
The St. Louis Home Builder's Association Green Building council provides you with more resources, including funding and basic tips on how to make your home and business more energy efficient. It also features specific tips on improving appraisals for your home through "green" upgrades.