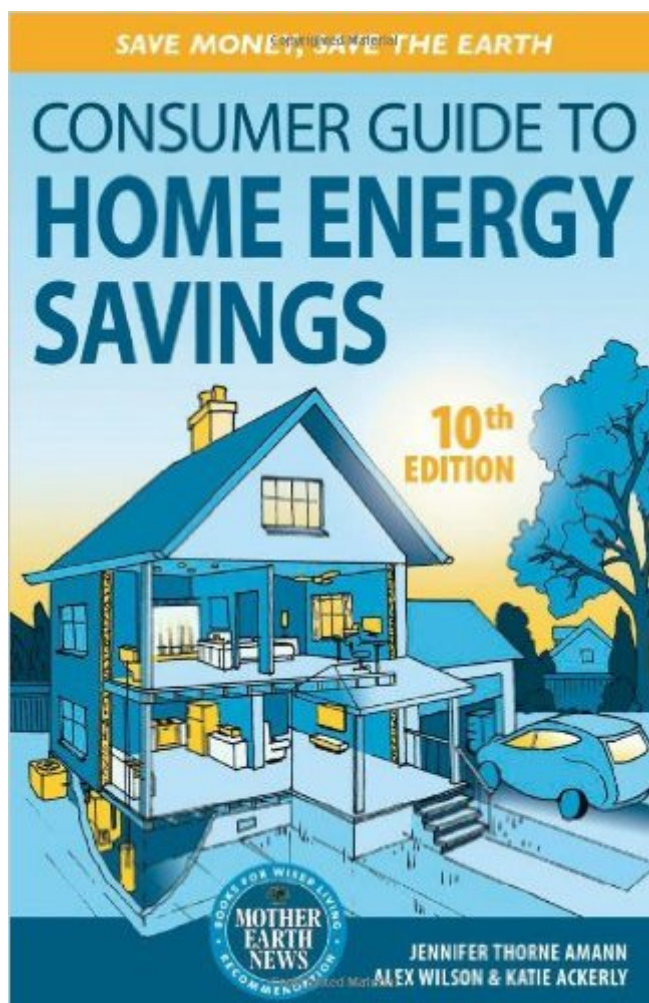


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# Consumer Guide To Home Energy Savings: Save Money, Save The Earth



## Synopsis

Increasing the energy efficiency of your home can save you money, help the environment, and enhance your comfort, but how do you decide which improvements are the most beneficial and cost-effective? Completely revised to incorporate the latest developments in green technology, *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* is the definitive resource for consumers who want to better their home's performance while reducing their energy bills. Well-organized and highly readable, *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* begins with an overview of the relationships between energy use, economics, and the environment. Updated and expanded chapters focus on specific aspects of any home, such as heating and cooling, ventilation, electronics, lighting, cooking, and laundry, and provide helpful explanations for each, including:

- Energy use characteristics
- Comparisons between available technologies
- Cost-effective repair and replacement options
- Step-by-step guidance for finding the right equipment

This comprehensive resource is packed with tips on improving existing equipment and guidance for when and why to invest in new purchases, as well as a reminder to check local government and utilities for purchase or retrofit grants or incentives. It is a must-read for anyone concerned about reducing both their energy bills and their environmental impact.

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Part of my dissatisfaction with this book was my fault too, as I thought it was going to be a little more radical than it is. However I was disappointed reading this because the ideas are simply not very creative: buy better windows, buy better fridge, buy better this, buy better that. But it never REALLY gave creative solutions. The ideas are still based on moving the economy and production, which is inherently unsustainable. The title is misleading, as the ideas presented wouldn't really save the Earth, but rather just reduce damage. Instead of giving ideas that would lessen our dependence on energy in general, or replace technologies/designs with alternatives (example: alternative storing methods for cooling, rather than buying a product). It doesn't teach the recycling of products, or explain why a lot of designs are simply fundamentally flawed (example: buy new windows/insulation instead of explaining why modern conventional homes are inefficiently built to retain a homeostasis temperature). However it's partially my fault, because if I would have looked at the title and realized what is implied by "Consumer Guide". Overall, this book does a good job helping you be a more efficient consumer, but don't expect to be causing any waves of inspiration with the advice provided here. If you're interested in saving maybe a few dollars, but still living within the safety of your conventional lifestyle, this book is for you. However if you're REALLY looking to save money, and save the Earth, you will be either disappointed by this book, or lying to yourself. Psst, I found much better information online for free. So be a more efficient consumer and save your money by not buying this book! Lol

The 10th edition of this guide to home energy continues to provide homeowners practical methods for energy management and energy reduction. There are many useful resources listed for further research. A must have for anyone considering remodeling projects.

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Great concise home energy guide. The tips are modern and easy to follow. Can't wait to get some energy savings.

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