



HIGH  
PERFORMANCE  
ALL-ELECTRIC  
HOME DESIGN  
AND  
CONSTRUCTION

FOR COLD CLIMATES

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Lesson 1.

Identify current innovative high-performance technology options

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Lesson 2.

Identify envelope efficiency considerations

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Lesson 3.

Evaluate the feasibility of those options in a variety of presented in scenarios.

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Lesson 4.

Measuring homes energy consumption

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Lesson 5.

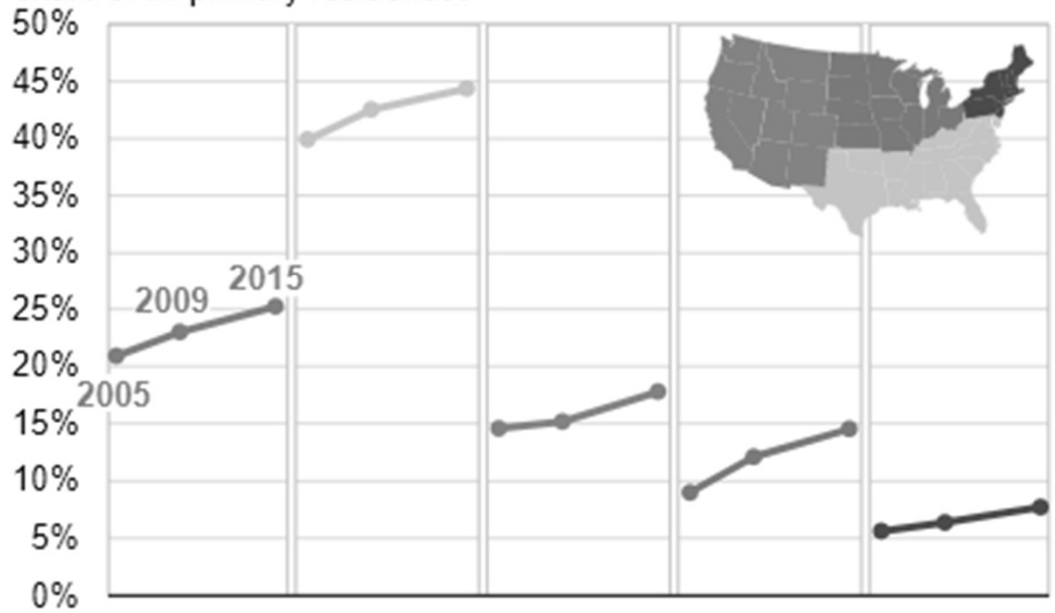
All Electric Homes Summary

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

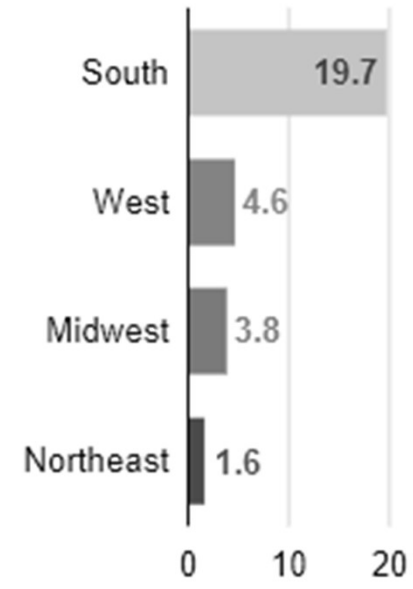
## CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL - NY

- A 22-member commission created by state law to set policies related to climate change.
- Calls for prohibiting the installation of heating equipment that burns fossil fuels in newly constructed single-family homes and low-rise apartment buildings, beginning in 2026.
- New commercial buildings and multifamily homes higher than three stories would face the same mandate beginning with building permits issued in 2029.

**All-electric homes by census region (2005, 2009, 2015)**  
share of all primary residences



million homes (2015)



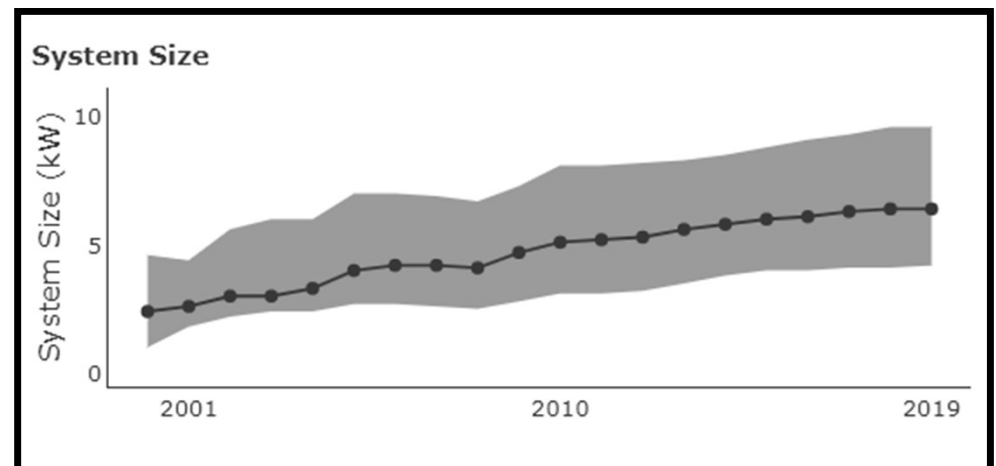
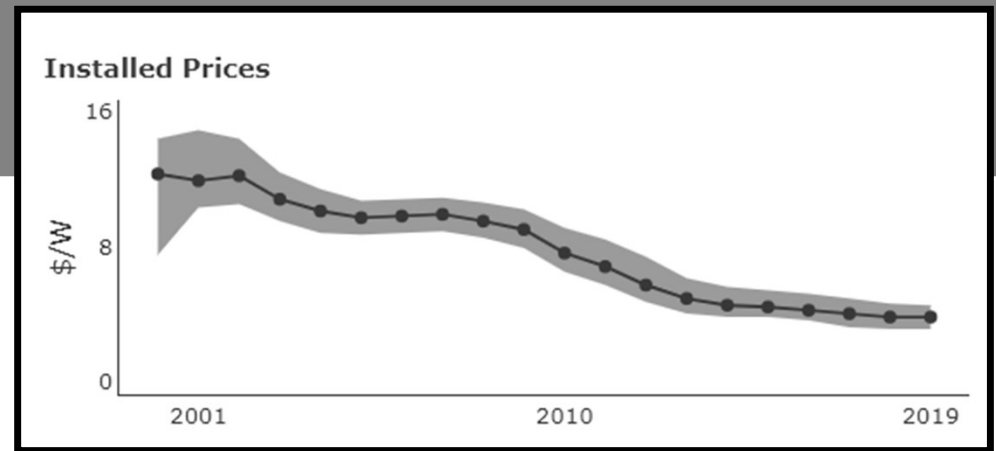
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration; 2005, 2009, and 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Surveys

ONE IN FOUR U.S. HOMES IS ALL ELECTRIC

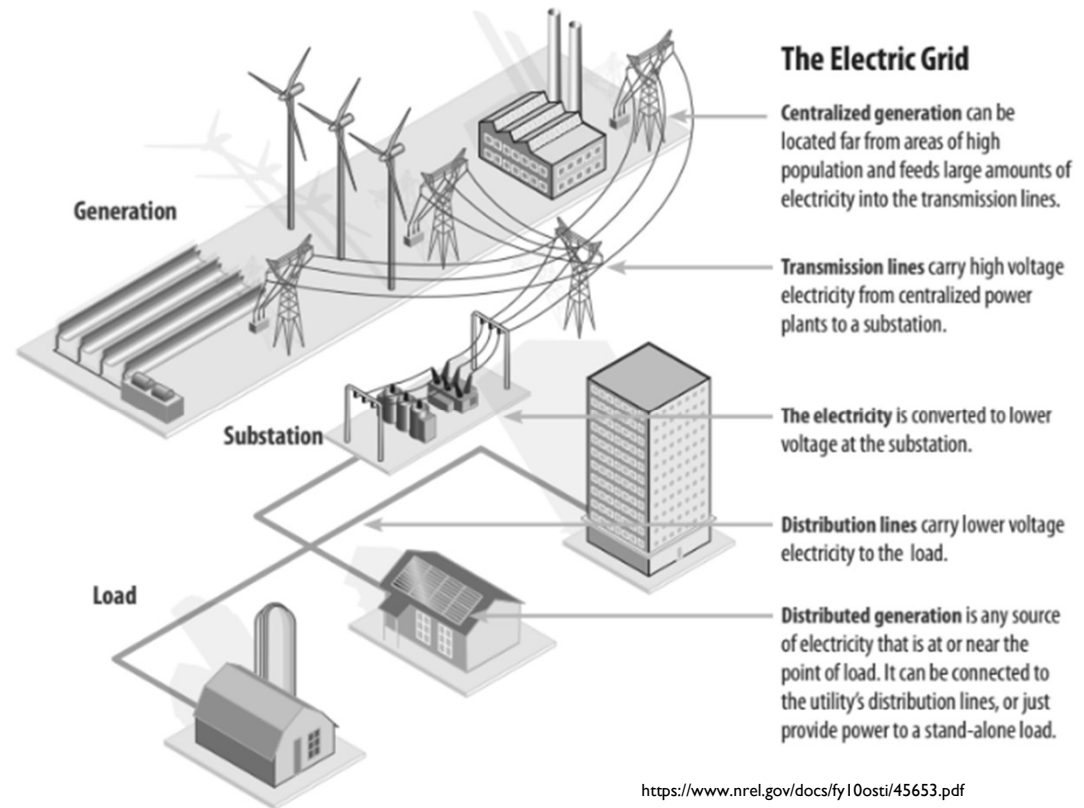


# EVOLUTION OF SOLAR

- Over 2.6 million homes have gone solar in the U.S.
- Lets explore the data from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory:
  - <https://emp.lbl.gov/tracking-sun-tool>



# SOLAR DISTRIBUTION



<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy10osti/45653.pdf>

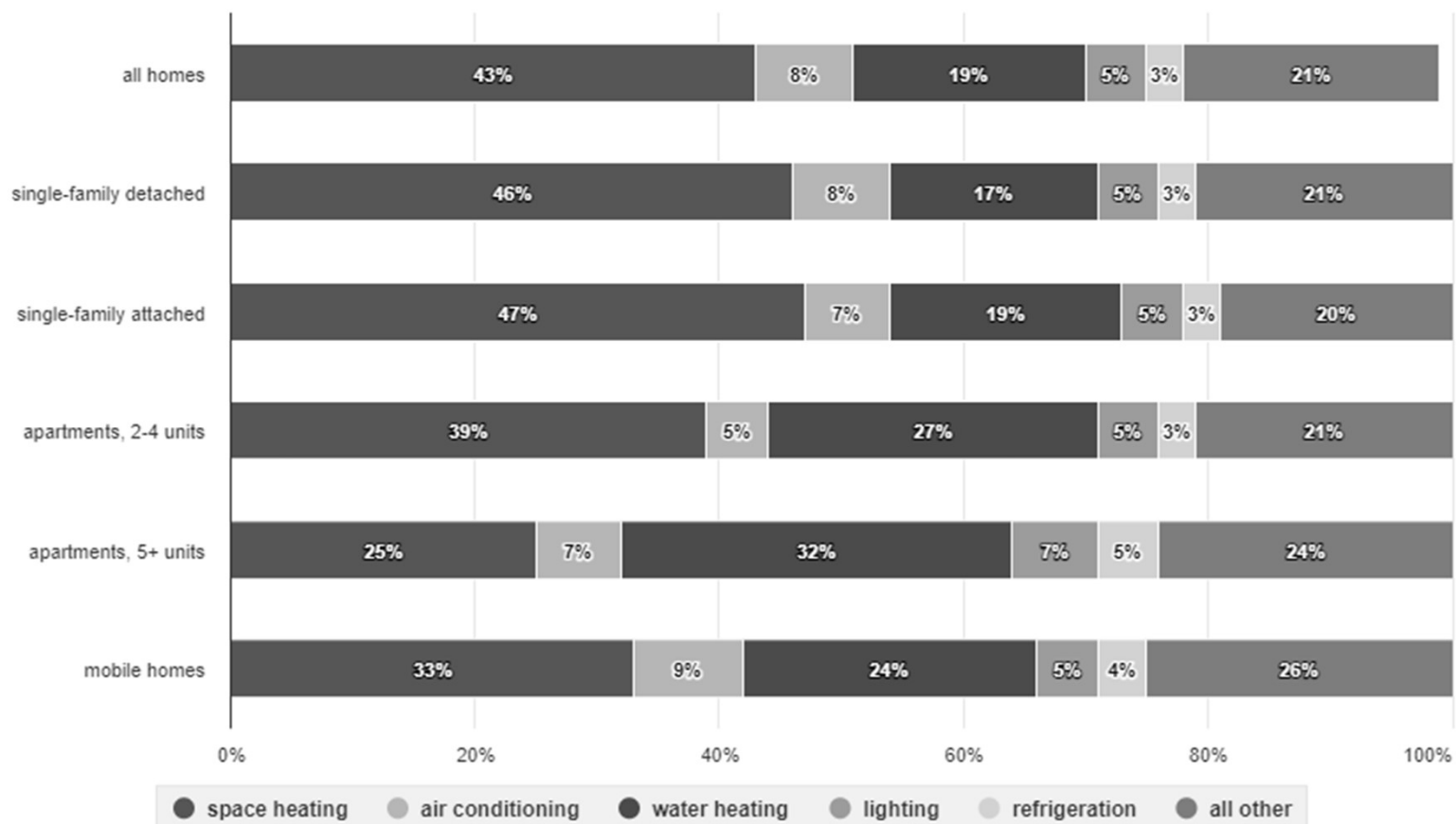
## WHY GO ELECTRIC?

- Source electricity is getting cleaner
  - Electricity produced from coal has dropped from 51% to 32% since 2008
- Solar and wind now account for 8% for source electricity and is growing
- Combustion safety
  - Homes are built tight
  - Non-sealed combustion appliances need mechanical rooms with make-up air
  - Added cost with the room
  - Non-sealed combustion appliances are typically less efficient
- Rooftop PV and small wind turbines have substantial potential to provide electricity with little impact on land, air pollution, or CO2 emissions



- Electrification reduces greenhouse gases
- Fossil fuels are being phased out
  - California, Washington and Massachusetts are just a few examples

## End-use consumption shares by types of U.S. homes, 2015



Note: Shares are a percentage of annual site energy consumption. Site energy consumption excludes the losses in electricity generation and delivery.  
 Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey

# INNOVATIVE HIGH-PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS

We will cover these technologies:

- Lighting
- Heat Pumps
  - Air Source
  - Ground Source
- Heat Pump Water Heaters
- Heat Pump Dryers
- Home Battery
- Induction Cooking Equipment
- Home Monitoring And Controls



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## STARTING EASY

- Lighting the home
- Incandescent
  - Cheaper
  - Use more electricity
  - Short life
  - Not as bright
- LED
  - Cost more (minimal)
  - Use less electricity
  - Long life
  - Brighter
  - Changeable color



# LED SAVINGS CALCULATOR

Comparison of electricity costs and CO2 emissions for standard non-LED light bulbs and LED bulbs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5	Year 10
<b>Non-LED energy use:</b>	1456 kWh	2912 kWh	4368 kWh	7280 kWh	14560 kWh
<b>LED energy use:</b>	218 kWh	437 kWh	655 kWh	1092 kWh	2184 kWh
<b>Non-LED CO2 emissions:</b>	789 kg	1578 kg	2367 kg	3946 kg	7892 kg
<b>LED CO2 emissions:</b>	118 kg	237 kg	355 kg	592 kg	1184 kg
<b>CO2 saving:</b>	671 kg	1342 kg	2012 kg	3354 kg	6708 kg
<b>Non-LED energy cost:</b>	\$218.40	\$436.80	\$655.20	\$1092.00	\$2184.00
<b>LED energy cost:</b>	\$32.76	\$65.52	\$98.28	\$163.80	\$327.60
<b>\$ Saving:</b>	\$185.64	\$371.28	\$556.92	\$928.20	\$1856.40

<https://www.thecalculatorsite.com/energy/led-savings-calculator.php>

Quantity of bulbs:

Wattage of existing bulbs:

Wattage of new LED bulbs:

Hours used per day:

Days per week:

Energy cost per kWh:

# AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

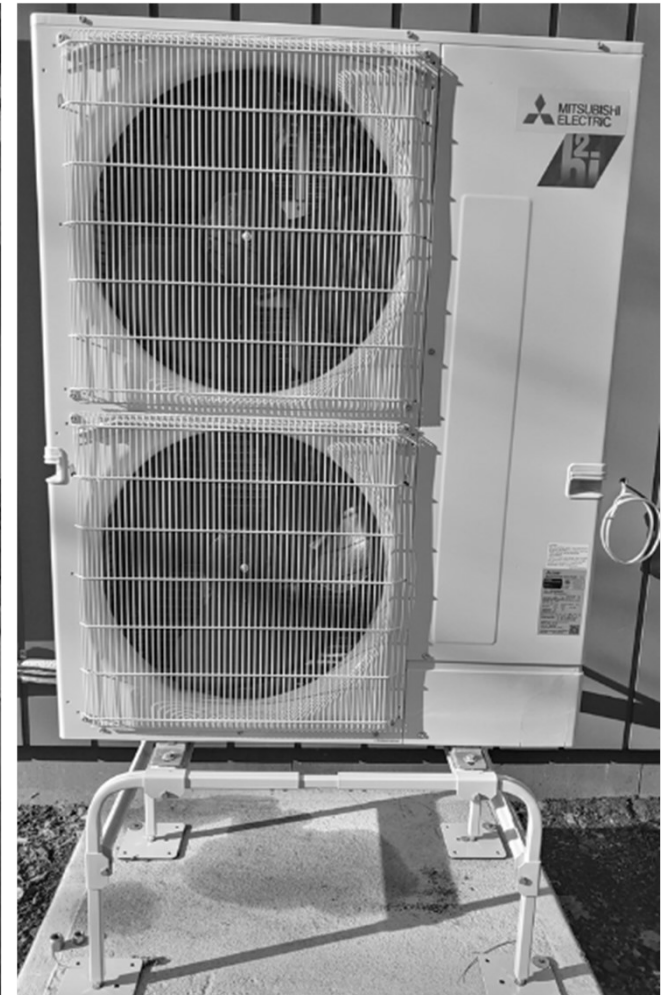
- CCASHP operate economically down to 5°F or below.
- Provide efficient heating and cooling
- Can deliver one-and-a-half to three times more heat energy to a home than the electrical energy it consumes
- Offers a legitimate space heating alternative in colder regions

## Types:

Ductless or Ducted

Split or Packaged

Multi Zone or Single Zone





# GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

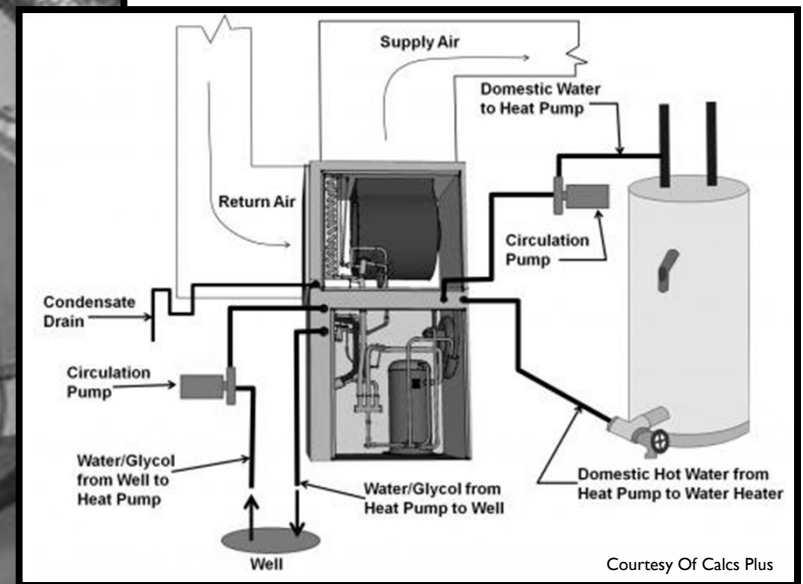
- Provide very efficient heating and cooling
- Can deliver up to six times more heat energy to a home than the electrical energy it consumes
- Offers a legitimate space heating alternative in colder regions
- Reduce energy cost
- Financing as low as \$140 a month

Types:

- Vertical wells
- Horizontal loops
- Pond loops



Courtesy Of Greenhill Contracting



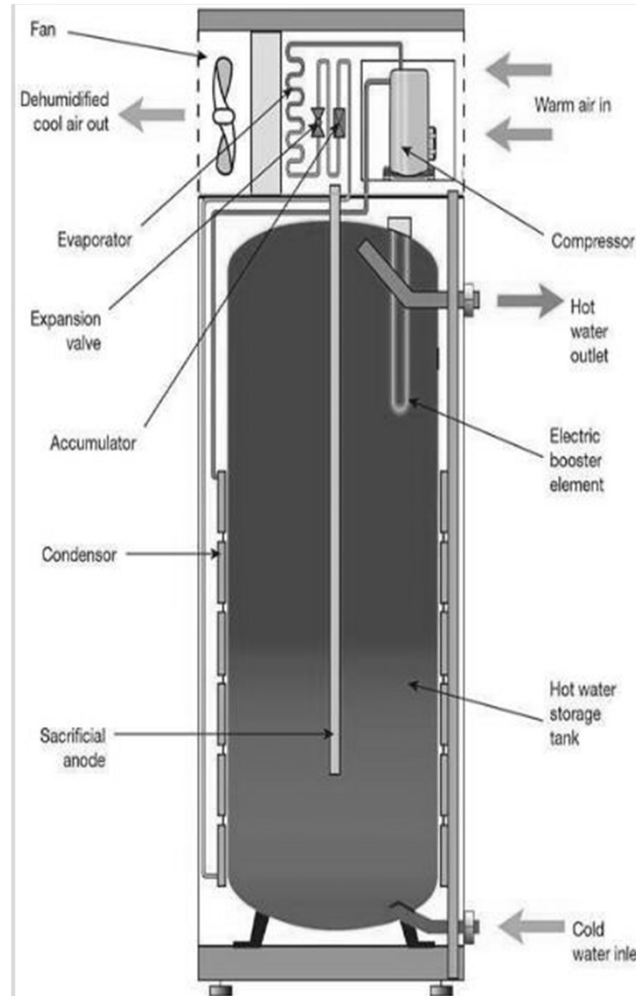
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## TECHNOLOGY COMPARISON

Technology	ASHP	GSHP
Cost	Less expensive	More expensive
Efficiency	Less efficient	More efficient
Incentives	Yes	Yes
Lifespan	Shorter	Longer
Space Requirements	Less space required	More space required

Both systems can be paired with solar energy...

Incentives: <https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program>



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## HEAT PUMP WATER HEATERS

- two to three times more energy efficient than conventional electric resistance water heaters
- air-source heat pump systems can combine heating, cooling, and water heating.
- higher initial costs than conventional storage water heaters but lower operating cost.
- the one on the left has solar assist tied in with it.
- 240v and 120v
- 7.5 million water heaters replaced annually
- 85% of water heaters are emergency replacements

## GEOHERMAL AND WATER HEATING

- Desuperheater: takes waste heat from the compressor of the geothermal system.
- Electric water heater or ASHP water heater makes up the difference.
- Example:
  - Water entering home is 40°F
  - Desuperheater warms water to 85-90°F
  - Primary water heater rises temperature to 125°F

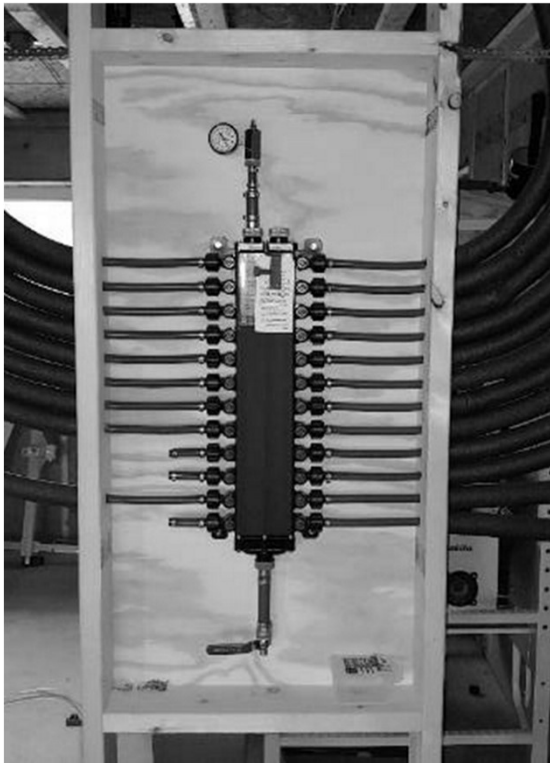


## SOLAR WATER HEATER



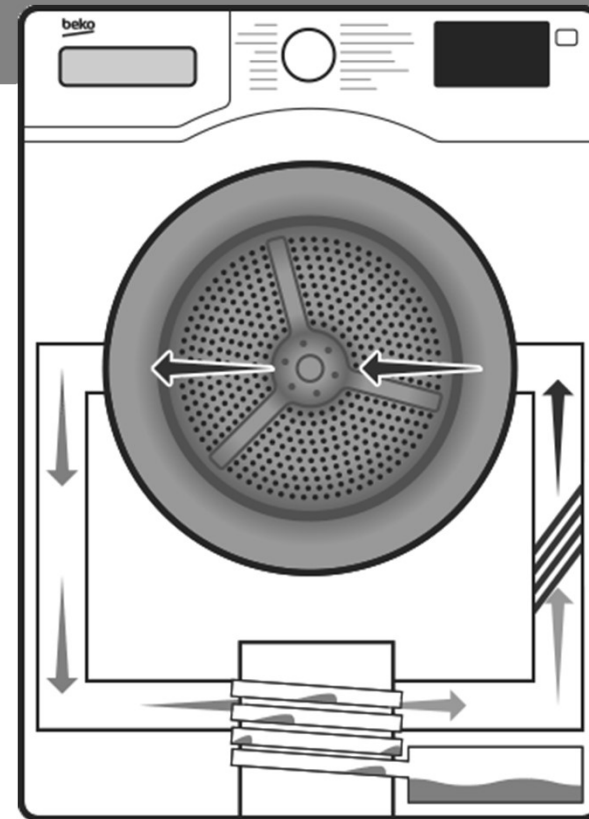
- Strong solar resource at the site
- Will need a backup system for cloudy days or high demand
- Direct circulation systems
  - Household water pass through collectors, best used in warm climates
- Indirect circulation systems
  - Pumps circulate a heat transfer liquid through the collectors to heat the water in the home

## DISTRIBUTION OF WATER IN THE HOME



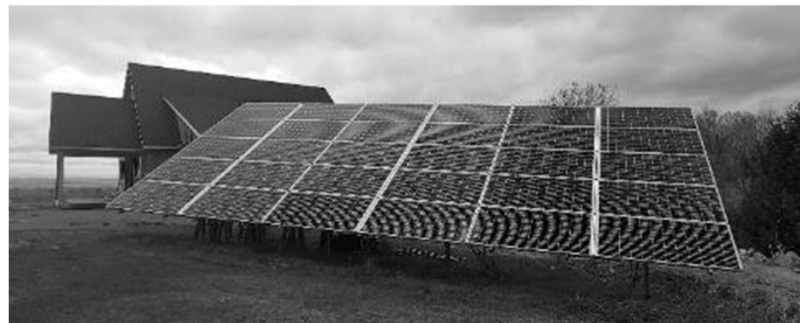
## HEAT PUMP DRYERS

- A heat pump dryer passes hot air over your clothes to collect moisture and dry them. This same air then goes through an evaporator, where the moisture is condensed and collected in a water tank.
- Where other dryers simply blow hot air on your clothes, heat pump dryers use a more sophisticated energy-efficient heat exchange system to conserve and reuse the same air (think of it as recycling air).
- Super Efficient
- Cheaper to run
- Gentler on clothes



# HOME BATTERY

- Store electricity generated by solar panels
- Power used at night or during peak grid times
- Range in power from 3-14 kWh but storage can increase by linking more batteries. Cost \$2000-\$12,000
- One System at 30 kWh retails for \$36,000.
- Start small and add to the system over time
- Power used to charge electric cars
- Many home batteries systems have links to electric car manufacturers





## SPEAKING OF BATTERIES

- Vehicle-to home system
- storing solar electricity generated by a residential solar power generation (PV)
- Use power from an EV when demands peaks and rates are high.
- The EV can be charged overnight when rates are low.
- Home must disconnect from the grid completely
  - Power not used would go onto the grid
  - Power outages you don't want live lines leaving your house
- Nissan Leaf, Tesla, Audi



Image: Solar Solutions



## INDUCTION COOKING EQUIPMENT

- Available for stoves and cooktops
- uses magnetic currents to directly heat your pots and pans
- quicker heat than electric and gas counterparts
- No lost energy to the air
- Only the cookware heats equaling energy and cost savings
- precise temperature control
- Need induction compatible cookware

## WHAT ABOUT A FIREPLACE

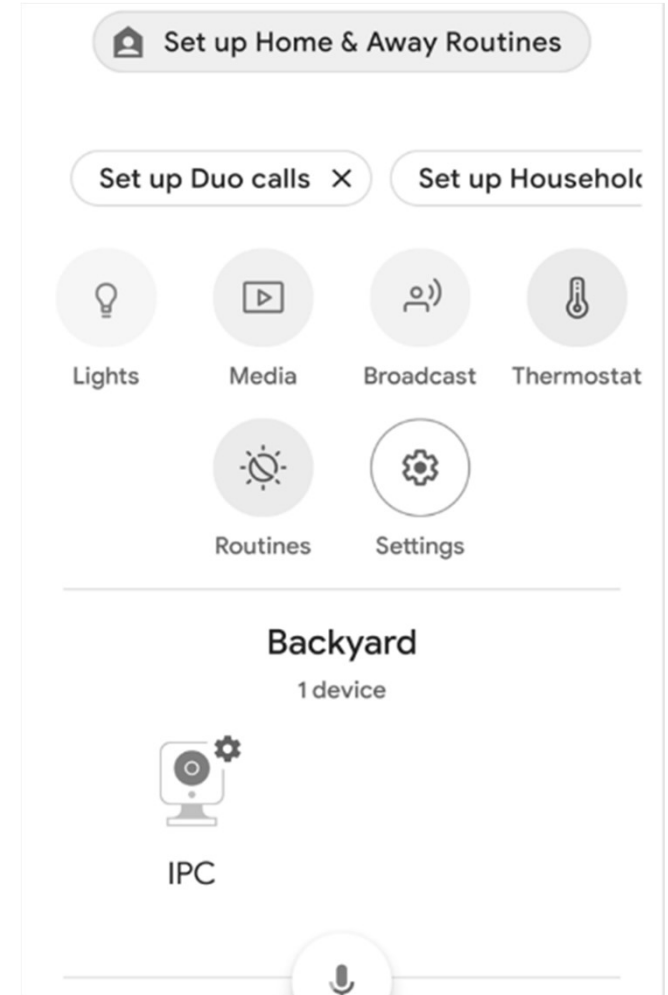
- Water Vapor Fireplace
  - LED lights
  - Water reservoir to produce fire effects
  - Look real, cool to the touch
  - Heat is an option (typically 400 square feet)



Source: <https://electricfireplacesdepot.com/>

# HOME MONITORING AND CONTROLS

- Smart thermostats to smart phones they both offer capabilities to track and monitor energy consumption in the home.
- Tracking energy consumption in the home and turning off unused lights and appliances will reduce the electric load.
- Track what is on and when.
- Dim lights, reduce temperature setting and remotely turn on/off appliances and lighting.



# SMART ELECTRIC PANELS

- Control every circuit in your home
- See real time energy consumption
- Keep tabs on solar/battery charge
- Extend backup up time if home powered by batteries
- Prioritize circuits during power outages
- Can be used on any home with or without solar or batteries installed
- Connects via Wi-Fi, Cellular, Bluetooth, Ethernet





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## SUMMARY: INNOVATIVE HIGH- PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS

- Off the shelf
- Rebates
- Energy Savings (compared to alternative fuel options)
- Energy Savings (compared to current standard electric equipment)
- Ability to remote monitor and control

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## ENVELOPE EFFICIENCY CONSIDERATIONS

We will cover these technologies:

- Air Sealing
- Insulation Levels
- Windows and Doors
- House Layout And Placement



# PATHS TO ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES

## Prescriptive Path

- Dictates how the thermal envelope of a home will be built.
- It requires the use of specific components that meet R-Values and U-Factors
- This approach must be followed with few alternative options

## Performance Path

- Allows for alternative options to meet the Energy Code
- Gives builders flexibility with design and assemblies
- Allows for the home's systems to be included in the calculation of the home's performance
- Energy performance/consumption must meet or be better than a prescriptive compliant home



## HIDDEN BEHIND/UNDER THE SURFACE



## HIDDEN BEHIND/UNDER THE SURFACE



- Plan Ahead
- Minimize Materials
- The R-Value through a typical 2x6 wood stud is 6.88
- What is a typical R-value of a 2x6 wall cavity?

## AIR SEALING

- Improved comfort
- Lower utility bills
- Improved indoor air quality
- Increased durability
- Manual J impacts



## INSULATION LEVELS

- Energy code sets minimal levels of insulation needed in homes based on Climate Zones.
- Higher R-values, the greater the performance of the insulation.
- Cavity and/or continuous insulation

Climate Zone	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall R-Value
4	49	30 or 20+5 or 13+10 or 20 CI
5	49	30 or 20+5 or 13+10 or 20 CI
6	49	30 or 20+5 or 13+10 or 20 CI



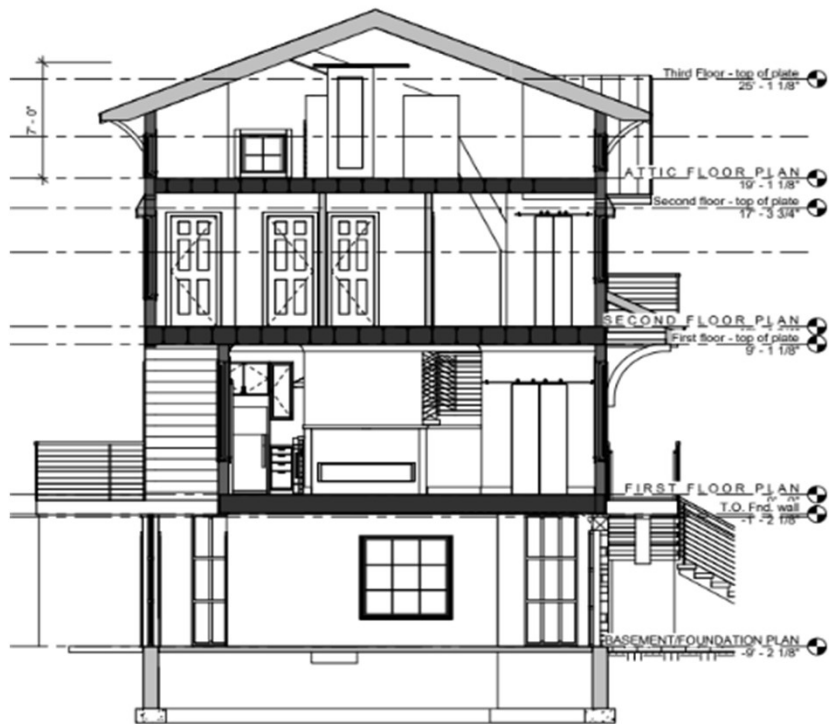
## WINDOWS AND DOORS



- Measured via U-factor

Climate Zone	Fenestration U-Factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC
4	0.32 0.27	0.40
5	0.30 0.27	NR 0.40
6	0.30 0.27	NR

# HOUSE LAYOUT AND PLACEMENT



- Slab on grade home where do we put the systems?
- Homes with basements where do we put the systems?
- Systems:
  - Heating
  - Cooling
  - Water Heater
  - Laundry Room
  - Bathroom/Kitchens with respect to waterlines



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## SUMMARY: ENVELOPE EFFICIENCY CONSIDERATIONS

- All electric homes and apartments are here now
- Built tight with HRV/ERV ventilation
- At or Above code insulation levels
- Net Zero Ready, Net Zero and beyond

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# EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF OPTIONS

We will cover these technologies:

- Current Practice
- Advanced Practice
- Cost Impacts
- The Future





## CURRENT PRACTICE

- Code minimum
  - Insulation Levels
- Minimal commissioning
  - Checking model numbers
- Accurate Manual J/S reports
  - Size of system



## ADVANCED PRACTICE

- Modeling homes for performance before built
- Air sealing measures
- Increased R-Value
  - In stick built
    - 2x4 with continuous
    - 2x6 with continuous
    - Double Stud
    - Others....
  - ICF's (R-23+ continuous)
  - SIPS
    - 4.5" panel (R-15 Continuous)
    - 12.25" panel (R-45 Continuous)
  - Others?
- Properly sized HVAC



# ACCURACY OF MANUAL J

System 1 Summary Loads					
Component Description	Area Quan	Sen Loss	Lat Gain	Sen Gain	Total Gain
1D-cv-o: Glazing-Double pane, operable window, clear, vinyl frame, u-value 0.57, SHGC 0.56	254	10,133	0	15,112	15,112
11P: Door-Metal - Polyurethane Core	21	426	0	171	171
15A11-0fcw-6: Wall-Basement, , framing with R-11 sill to floor in 2 x 4 cavity, filled core, no board insulation, plus interior finish, wood studs, 6' floor depth	873	3,904	0	374	374
12E-Osw: Wall-Frame, R-19 insulation in 2 x 6 stud cavity, no board insulation, siding finish, wood studs	2078.7	9,896	0	2,743	2,743
16B-38: Roof/Ceiling-Under Attic with Insulation on Attic Floor (also use for Knee Walls and Partition Ceilings), Vented Attic, No Radiant Barrier, Dark Asphalt Shingles or Dark Metal, Tar and Gravel or Membrane, R-38 insulation	837.5	1,523	0	1,132	1,132
21A-20: Floor-Basement, Concrete slab, any thickness, 2 or more feet below grade, no insulation below floor, any floor cover, shortest side of floor slab is 20' wide	938	1,773	0	0	0
Subtotals for structure:		27,655	0	19,532	19,532
People:	6		1,200	1,380	2,580
Equipment:			0	1,200	1,200
Lighting:	0			0	0
Ductwork:		0	0	0	0
Infiltration: Winter CFM: 109, Summer CFM: 54		8,306	794	1,010	1,804
Ventilation: Winter CFM: 0, Summer CFM: 0		0	0	0	0
AED Excursion:		0	0	1,141	1,141
System 1 Load Totals:		35,961	1,994	24,263	26,257

Check Figures			
Supply CFM:	1,114	CFM Per Square ft.:	0.428
Square ft. of Room Area:	2,605	Square ft. Per Ton:	1,190
Volume (ft³) of Cond. Space:	24,399		

System Loads			
Total Heating Required Including Ventilation Air:	35,961 Btuh	35,961 MBH	
Total Sensible Gain:	24,263 Btuh	92 %	
Total Latent Gain:	1,994 Btuh	8 %	
Total Cooling Required Including Ventilation Air:	26,257 Btuh	2.19 Tons (Based On Sensible + Latent)	

	Manual J Report	Newport's Data
Design Date:	Albany	Saratoga
Reference County		
Construction Type	Semi-loose	Tight
Windows	U 0.56/ SHGC 0.66	U 0.23/ SHGC 0.27
Attic Insulation	R-38	R-44
Floor Insulation	R-19	Not applicable
Foundation Wall	Not shown	R-25
Window Area	84	154
AGW Area	396	2828
Square Footage	432	2400 (1200 FF and 1200 Basement)
Ceiling Area	432	1200



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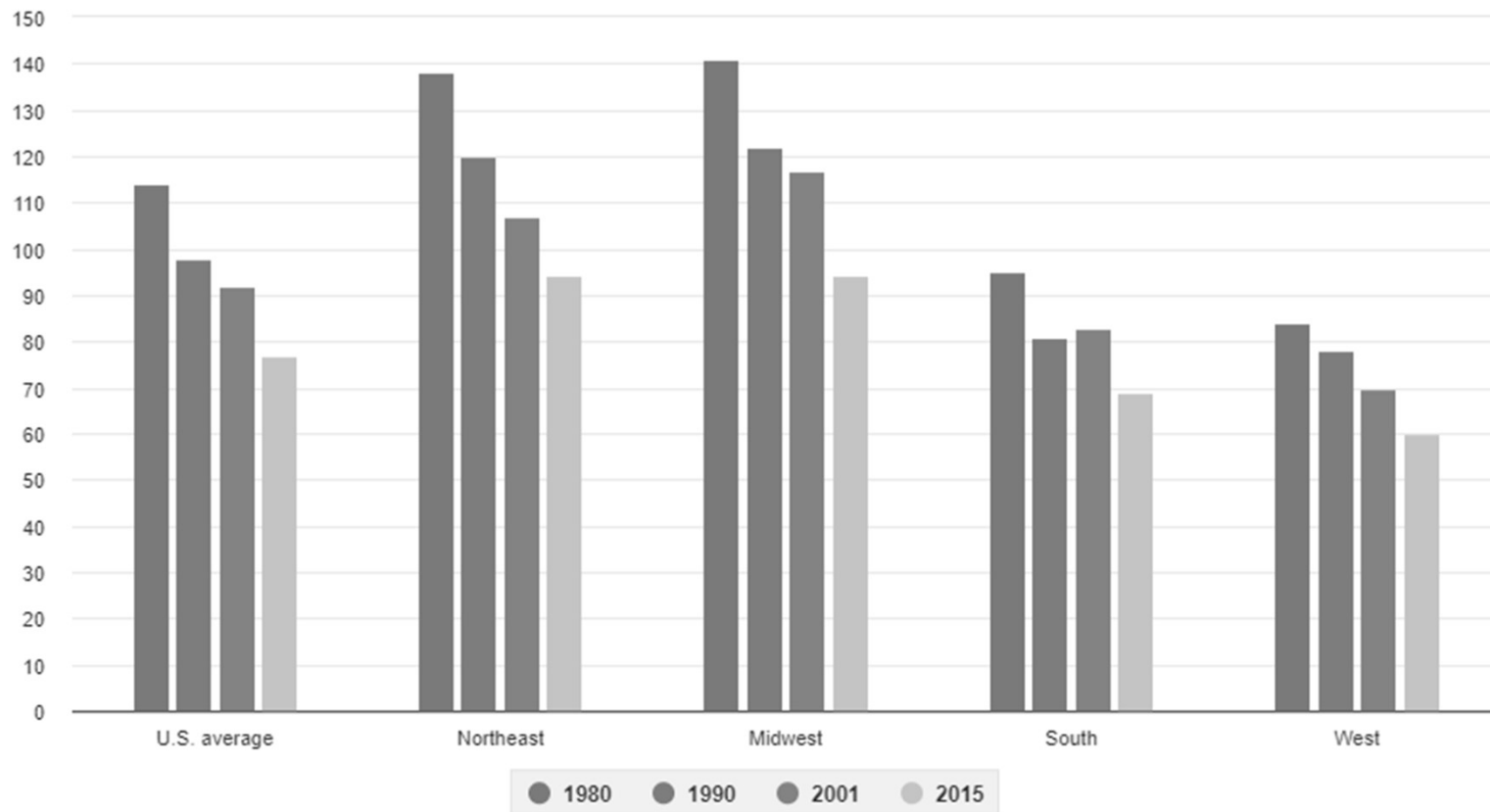
## SUMMARY: EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF OPTIONS

- Modeling Software
- HERS Index
- Above Code Programs
- Happening Now

## Energy consumption per household, U.S. average and by census region in selected years



million British thermal units



Note: Excludes losses in electricity generation and delivery, and consumption of wood fuels.  
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Residential Energy Consumption Survey* for indicated years

## MEASURING HOMES ENERGY CONSUMPTION

We will cover these areas:

- Home Energy Rating System (HERS)
- Towards Net Zero
- Programs For Above Code Compliance



## SOFTWARE MODELING

The ability to estimate the homes utility bills, energy consumption, performance and ventilation needs.

Analysis	
Updated: 09:00:41 AM	
<input type="checkbox"/> WH Infiltration	
Natural ACH	0.11
ACH50 (Pa)	3.00
CFM50 (Pa)	2671
ELA (sq.in)	146.6
SLA	0.00027
CFM50/sf shell	0.22
<input type="checkbox"/> WH Ventilation (continuous)	
Type	Balanced
Asls (equiv.cfm)	75
62.2-2010 (cfm)	52
62.2-2013 (cfm)	45

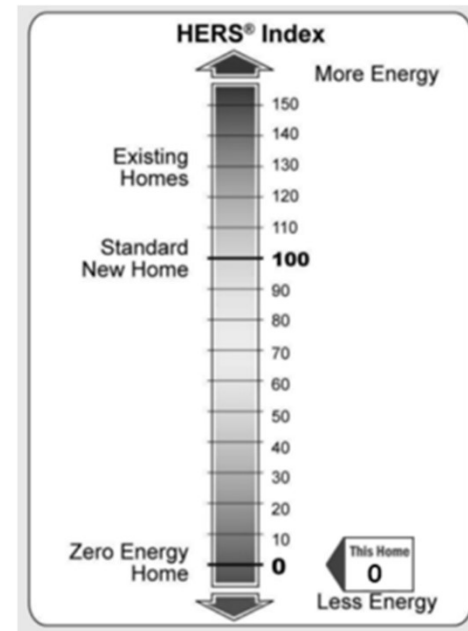
Analysis	
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<input type="checkbox"/> HourlyHERS	
HourlyHERS Index	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Engine	
No ENERGY STAR	N/A
Tax Credit	Passes
DOE ZERH	Fails
HERS Index	9
2015 ERI	9
2018 ERI	9
<input type="checkbox"/> Code	
IECC 2018 UA	Fails
IECC 2018 Performance	Fails
IECC 2018 ERI Path	Fails
IECC 2015 UA	Fails
IECC 2015 Performance	Fails
IECC 2015 ERI Path	Fails
IECC 2012	Fails
IECC 2009	Fails
IECC 2006	Fails
<input type="checkbox"/> State Code	
Iowa Code	Fails
Michigan Code	Fails
Illinois 2018 Code	Fails
NY-ECCC 2020	Passes
North Carolina 2018 Code	Fails

Analysis	
Updated: 09:00:41 AM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Loads (kBtu/hr)	
Heating	30.0
Cooling	20.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Loads (MMBtu/yr)	
Heating	47.8
Cooling	18.8
Water Heating	6.7
WH w/out Tank Loss	6.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Consumption (MMBtu/yr)	
Heating	13.0
Cooling	4.4
Water Heating	1.9
Lights and Appliances	25.4
Photovoltaics	-33.9
Total	10.7
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Energy Costs (\$/yr)	
Heating	686
Cooling	229
Water Heating	99
Lights and Appliances	1338
Photovoltaics	-1789
Service Charge	60
Total	623

# MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARDS ZERO

## The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index:

- The more energy efficient a home is, the lower the HERS index score.
- Typical home circa 2006 = 100 points.
- Most new homes score below 100 points.
- Net Zero Energy home = 0 points.
- National and regional builders rate and market their homes using the HERS Index.
- 4.4+ million homes rated on the HERS Index.
  - 360,000+ HERS Rated homes in 2023 (new all time high)
  - 299,000+ HERS Rated homes in 2020
  - 241,000 HERS Rated home in 2019





## GETTING THERE WITH SOFTWARE



- All exterior walls (above and below grade)
- Floors over unconditioned spaces (like garages or basements)
- Ceilings and roofs
- Attics, foundations and crawlspaces
- Windows and doors
- Vents and ductwork (leakage)
- Air leakage of the home
- Mechanical ventilation
- **Appliances**
- **HVAC system**
- **Water heating system**

## EARLY MODELING HELPS WITH DECISIONS...

Early Modeling				
HERS Index	40	41	38	39
Annual Energy Cost	\$2,009	\$2,057	\$1,917	\$1,959
Electric \$/kWH	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
ENERGY STAR V 3.1	YES	YES	YES	YES
Assumptions:				
Ceiling R-Value	60	60	60	60
Walls R-Value				
Cavity	30	30	30	30
Continuous	10	0	10	0
Rim/Band Joist	30/10	30	30/10	30
Foundation Walls	23	23	23	23
Windows				
UValue	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
SHGC	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Blower Door ACH	3	3	1.5	1.5
Ligthing LED	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mechanical Ventilation				
HRV	60%	60%	60%	60%

# AND EVEN MORE MODELING...

Net Zero Goal	Per Plans	Per Plans w/Solar	Option A 1.5 ACH	Option B 0.6 ACH	No Continuous	No Continuous 1.5 ACH	No Continuous	No Continuous 1.5 ACH	2x6 Walls 3 ACH	2x6 Walls 1.5 ACH	2x6 Walls 3 ACH	2x6 Walls 1.5 ACH	Goal
HERS Index	39	6	5	5	40	39	6	6	41	40	7	7	0
Annual Energy Cost	\$1,991	\$336	\$252	\$205	\$2,033	\$1,947	\$368	\$282	2091	\$2,002	\$427	\$338	\$33
Electric \$/kWH	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
ENERGY STAR V 3.1 Tier 3	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Assumptions:													
Ceiling R-Value	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	49	49	49	49	58
Walls R-Value													
Cavity	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	21	21	21	21	30
Continuous	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Rim/Band Joist	30/10	30/10	30/10	30/10	30	30	30	30	21	21	21	21	30/10
Foundation Walls	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	19	19	19	19	23
Windows													
U Value	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.27
SHGC	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.27
Blower Door ACH	3	3	1.5	0.6	3	1.5	3	1.5	3	1.5	3	1.5	0.48
Lighting LED	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mechanical Ventilation													
HRV	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	62%
Solar Array													
Orientation	x	South	South	South	x	x	South	South	x	x	South	South	South
Array Area (sq. ft.)	x	586	586	586	x	x	586	586	x	x	586	586	586
Array Peak Power (Watts)	x	9440	9440	9440	x	x	9440	9440	x	x	9440	9440	9440
Array Tilt (degrees)	x	30	30	30	x	x	30	30	x	x	30	30	30
Inverter Efficiency	x	95%	95%	95%	x	x	95%	95%	x	x	95%	95%	95%

# THE ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME

## ■ Building Envelope Priorities:

- Insulation quantity
- Insulation quality
- Air Sealing/Built Tight
- Window Performance
- House Orientation



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# DOE ZERO ENERGY READY HOMES

- A high-performance home, so energy efficient, all or most annual energy consumption can be offset by renewable energy.
- Efficiency Threshold:
  - HERS in 50s generally.
  - Project specific.
- Performance Provisions:
  - IAQ.
  - Comfort.
  - Moisture management.
  - PV-Ready.



## OTHER ABOVE CODE OPTIONS



# ZNE PROJECT LOCATIONS

## ZNE Units by State:

- California #1 state by number of units AND builders.
- Massachusetts #2 state by number of units.
- Vermont highest number of homes per capita.
- New York 4<sup>th</sup> by number of units, 3<sup>rd</sup> by builders.

- Top 1-5 states by numbers of units
- Top 6-10 states by numbers of units



## THE FUTURE

- All Electric Homes
  - Smart House options
  - Remote and real time energy usage
  - Smaller size vs large size



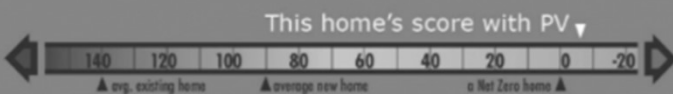


# ITS ALREADY BEING DONE

 **1,280** ft<sup>2</sup>

3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 2 floors  
5A cold, Affordable

**HERS -7**



**\$10** **Average Monthly Energy Bill**  
Calculated

**\$4,000** **Annual Savings**  
Calculated versus typical new homes

**\$167,000** **Saved in the First 30 Years**  
Includes fuel escalation rate, 2019 EIA Energy Outlook



- Habitat Home is Zero Energy
- <https://youtu.be/nzHCtTjmcUo>

# ALL ELECTRIC HOME

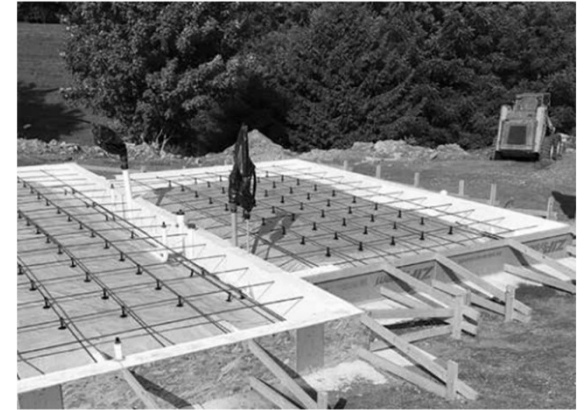


## Under the Sun Building and Remodeling

Easton Carriage House | Schaghticoke, NY | [UndertheSunBuildgreen.com](http://UndertheSunBuildgreen.com)



Photos courtesy of Under the Sun Building and Remodeling



## KEY FEATURES

- Walls: Double wall, R-53 total. Two 2x4 walls, 24" o.c., set 5.5" apart. Cavity filled with
- R-15+R-23+R-15 mineral wool batts. Coated OSB, 7/16" furring strips. Vinyl siding.
- Roof: Gable truss roof: 5/8" coated OSB sheathing, self-adhered membrane at eaves and valleys, #30 felt; architectural shingles. Ridge vent and vented cupola at peak.
- Attic: Vented attic: 1/2" foil-faced polyisocyanurate foam board vents (R-3.2) and 1-1/2" x
- 1-1/2" furring as spacer, 20" R-70 blown-in cellulose above ceiling/plenum.
- Foundation: Slab on grade: frost-protected shallow slab sits on 12" compacted gravel, topped by 15-mil vapor/radon barrier, and 8" (R-38.4) Type IX EPS under slab and at slab edge, plus 24" tapered wing extending out from base of slab.
- Windows: Triple-pane; argon-filled; low-e; vinyl-framed; U=0.13; SHGC=0.22.
- Air Sealing: 0.69 ACH50. All openings taped; air-tight electric boxes.
- Ventilation: Two ERVs with MERV. 13 filters, boost settings; ultraviolet air cleaner.
- HVAC: Mini-split heat pump, 14 HSPF, 33 SEER, 1 indoor/1 outdoor unit. Five 1,000-W electric wall heaters for bedrooms, baths, garage; ERV has heat and cool modes.
- Hot Water: Heat pump, 45-gal, 3.75 UEF, Wi-Fi controlled.
- Lighting: 100% LED lighting with motion sensors and timers.
- Appliances: ENERGY STAR refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer, clothes dryer.
- Solar: 25-kW system on farm property.
- Water Conservation: Whole house is EPA WaterSense certified.
- Energy Management System: ERV app monitors IAQ.
- Other: Low/no VOC paints and finishes, recycled-content insulation, flooring, decking.

## PROJECT DATA

- Layout: 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 fl, 1,156 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Climate: IECC 5A, cold
- Completed: December 2021
- MODELED PERFORMANCE DATA
- HERS Index: without PV 31
- Annual Energy Costs: without PV \$850
- Annual Energy Cost Savings: (vs typical new homes) without PV \$1,550
- Annual Energy Savings: without PV 8,750 kWh
- Savings in the First 30 Years: without PV \$63,550



## EXISTING HOMES



- What can be done to existing homes?
- Start by doing an Energy Audit and analyzing the home with energy software.

Try Solar Calculator

[www.energysage.com/solar/community-calculator/](http://www.energysage.com/solar/community-calculator/)

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR NEW AND CURRENT HOMES

- New mortgage products can finance energy efficiency in mortgage loans
- For example the “GreenCHOICE” mortgage by Freddie Mac
- This is a way to finance energy-efficient homes and upgrades of existing homes
- Covers up to 15% of the home’s appraised value
- Improvements over \$6,500 will require an energy report that can be completed by a certified HERS Rater
- A HERS rating has the option of producing the energy-efficient mortgage report.

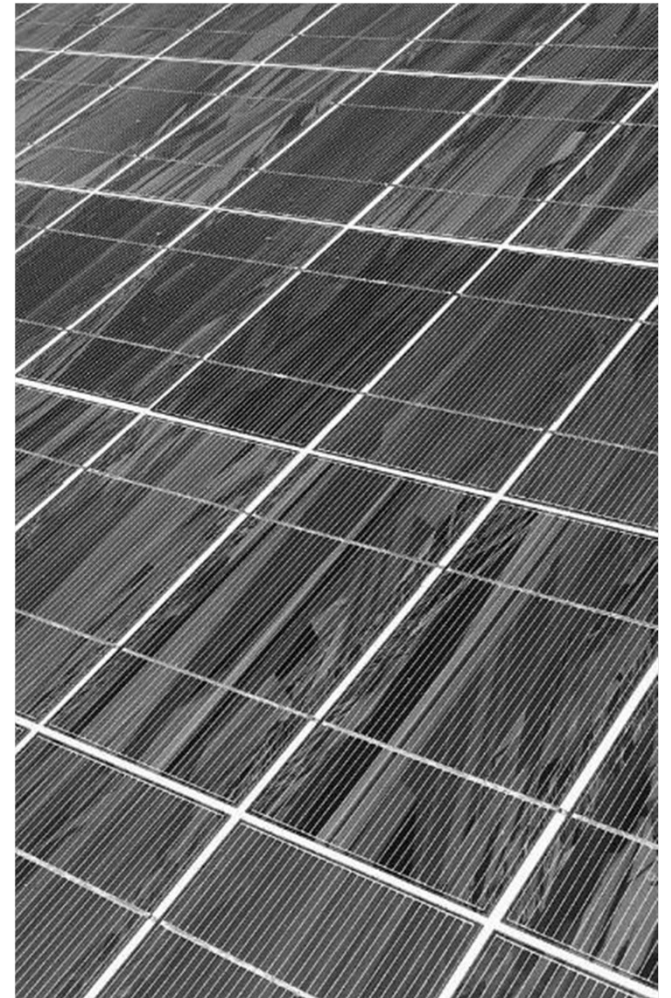


## QUESTIONS?

Innovative high-performance technology options

Envelope efficiency considerations

Evaluate the feasibility of options



## RESOURCES

**Building America Solution Center**

**Zero Energy Ready Homes**

**Net Zero Homes**

**Newport Partners** [www.newportpartnersllc.com](http://www.newportpartnersllc.com)

**Newport Ventures** [www.newportventures.net](http://www.newportventures.net)



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