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HOMEOWNER GUIDE to GREEN INCENTIVES and RESOURCES

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Did you know the cost of green improvements to your home can be significantly offset through federal, state, local, and utility credits and incentives?

Federal

Home Improvements – Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010

Efficient Cars – Federal Tax Credit Options

Improvements / Purchases made in 2010 will be claimed on your 2010 taxes (filed by April 15, 2011)

Tax Incentives Assistance Project (TIAP) – Appliances, New Homes, Retrofits to Existing Homes

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)

* [Agents – add local EEM provider info with link here] |



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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

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 many different tests. 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. My training in green industry information and resources equips me to provide you with real green knowledge. Feel free to contact me with any questions about greening your life and home.



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