

ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

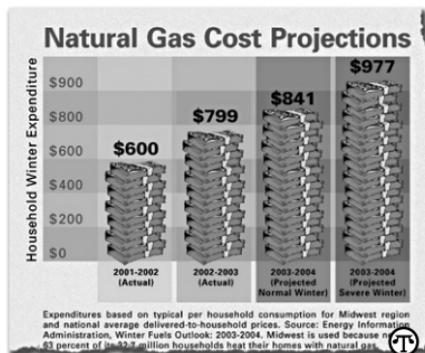
Energy-Saving Campaign Is Launched

(NAPSA)—One thing homeowners should never be lazy about is looking for ways to save on energy bills. That's especially true when you consider that heating and cooling account for 55 percent of the \$136 billion Americans spend on energy. What's more, according to the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), 15 to 30 percent of that amount is wasted each year.

That may be why ACCA has launched a massive new campaign, predicated on an aggressive legislative program that, if enacted, could have a tremendously positive impact on our nation's economy and energy usage. The campaign includes giving credits to homeowners and building owners who replace old HVAC systems with new energy-efficient systems.

What can homeowners do? The energy experts at York Heating and Cooling offer these basic energy-saving ideas you can warm up to:

- Unplug appliances that are not being used. Surprising to many Americans, most idle appliances—TVs, VCRs, CD players, cassette decks, microwaves—continue to use energy when switched off and account for five percent of total domestic energy consumption.



An energy-saving campaign legislators may warm to is one that offers homeowners tax credits for using energy-efficient HVAC systems.

- Close blinds (and windows) after sunset in the winter to keep in heat.
- A high efficiency gas furnace can save you money. Consider this: If your current furnace is more than 10 years old, the efficiency is likely to be about 60 percent. If your annual operating cost is \$700, and you install a new system that's 92 percent efficient, the cost will be between \$425 and \$450, giving you an estimated annual savings of about \$250. That's a savings of over 35 percent on your gas bill.

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