

2011 Energy Audit Program

As of today our customers can do a self-audit online at our website under **Energy Info/Home Energy Suite**. At the **Home Energy Suite** they would choose **HomeEnergyCalculator** to complete their audit. Also at this location is an energy library to help them with other questions such as how much does a space heater cost to operate.

Customer can request an energy audit at a cost of \$50.00. The audit will consist of:

- ⦿ 13 point inspection of premises
- ⦿ 60 day evaluation of home history
- ⦿ Daily evaluation of history vs. weather
- ⦿ Free Energy Conservation Kit
- ⦿ Coupon for Free Home System Tune-up (\$125.00 Value for the first 33 customers) 22 point inspection This is a for a limited time only as funds are in short supply.
- ⦿ Customer may qualify for evaluation of 0% loan program for energy upgrades.
- ⦿ Thermal camera evaluation of their home.

Customer can opt for a Premium audit at a cost of \$350.00 (this is for one system; additional HVAC systems will cost an additional \$75.00 for each one) which includes everything above plus:

- ⦿ BLOWER DOOR EXAMINATION
- ⦿ DUCT BLASTER EXAMINATION

These examinations can be completed by any VET (Vent and Envelope Tightness) verifier as long as they follow our guidelines and fill out our paperwork. This audit would qualify the customer to receive rebates for the following items that are verified only by conducting the above tests:

- **\$250.00** rebate for insulation upgrade to R-38
- **\$350.00** rebate for duct tightening (each system) with a <5% leakage of square foot tested (must have retest)
- **\$250.00** rebate for envelope tightening with a final leakage of ≤ 7 ACH50 (must have retest)

These rebates are ***only available*** to customers who choose to have the Premium Audit as a test and retest of the property is involved. Adding insulation without first looking to see if other problems may exist may only mask the true problem in the home. Insulation is not an air barrier. These rebates are to help with the cost of the upgrades to our members. This test takes about three (3) hours to complete with another trip to be made if the member makes some changes. Those that really need help with their electricity usage will benefit greatly by having us or someone else perform these tests.

Georgia State Energy Code requirements starting July 1, 2011 requires all new homes built in Georgia have a blower door test to examine the tightness of the home before they can get a Certificate of Occupancy.