

Want to go green? Take your thought off that gas-guzzling SUV for a moment and consider this: The average **U. S. Home** causes *twice as much greenhouse emissions* as a single car. So it shouldn't be a surprise that green homebuilding is poised to be the next great sales pitch in America's environmental renaissance.

By 2010, half of new homes built are expected to be classified as "green" as more builders try to appeal to consumers worried about global warming, the environment and rising energy costs. Builders say green homes are more durable and tend to sell much faster than traditionally built homes.

Home owners of green homes tend to be happier. 40% of Americans who recently renovated their homes did so with at least some green products. There maybe no better time to start!

Generally, construction of green homes produce less waste, and once built, the home use less energy, less water, and fewer natural resources and offer better air quality for people living inside. The homes may include energy-efficient appliances, water efficient faucets, better ductworks and air filtration systems or low-emissivity windows. Builders may even consider a home's orientation to the sun or color of its roof as ways to conserve energy.

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Going Green

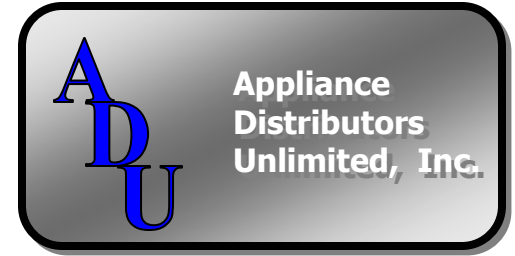


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THE APPLIANCE WIRE

From the President

ADU is going **Green.**

GE Lighting Division & ADU are in the process of up-grading to energy efficient lighting systems in each of our showrooms, warehouses and corporate office. In the first quarter of 2008 all of our locations changed to programmable thermostats cutting off the heat or air conditioning during off hours. ADU has also contracted with a recycling company to recycle all the cardboard boxes brought back from our deliveries.

Although our initial cost will be high, the long term energy savings will be a benefit to our environment.

Our company is looking into other changes to help improve the environment and decrease energy cost, but will remain consistent with the services our clients have come to expect.

Some good news... in the fourth quarter of this year, the NAHB, National Association of Home Builders has forecasted an increase in construction of single-family homes for the Northeast area.

Remember: **"What we all do today will impact our Nation tomorrow".**

Tom

Going Green Test:

1. Washing Machines can reduce total water use by _____, which translates to an annual savings of _____.
2. On average, conventional washers are the second-largest water users in the home after the _____.
3. Front-loading washers are, in general, more efficient than their top-loading counterparts, using _____ less water and _____ to _____ less energy.
4. Any new refrigerator model will be much more efficient than the one you currently own, and will save you a considerable amount of _____ in power bills.
5. Look for top-freezer models, which are the most _____ and repair-free of the configurations offered.
6. Your refrigerator is probably the most _____-_____ appliance in your home.
7. Dishwashers can reduce total water use by _____, which translate to an annual savings of _____.
8. If your current dishwasher is at least 10 years old, it likely uses between _____ and _____ gallons of water per cycle. A new model can save more than _____ gallons of water annually.
9. If your current air conditioner is more than _____ years old, it's time for a new one.
10. Over a summer season, your air conditioner could result in a CO2 reduction of several hundred pounds and energy savings of about _____.
11. EER = Energy-Efficiency Ratio. The higher the EER on your air conditioner, the more _____ the model.

Answers: Pick the correct answer from these following words.
efficient; \$65; 8; 1,000; 15; 8; \$95; 1/3; power-hungry; energy efficient; money; 50; 30; 60%; toilet; \$95; 1/3.

ADU has the designer showrooms that will inspire you to choose the right appliances for your home.

Save Money, and the Earth, with Green Appliances

Believe it or not, according

to the U.S. Department of Energy, the appliances in your home count for 20% of your energy usage. The reality is that the older the appliances are, the more energy they're costing you.

If you are unfamiliar with the Energy Star label, get a thorough description of what information can be found on the [Energy Star Sticker](#).

When it comes to buying a new appliance, there should be two price tags you should be concerned with:

- * The actual cost of the appliance. It has to fit within your budget.
- * How much the appliance will cost over the course of a year to use.

This can be found on the Energy Star label. The lower the operation cost, the better the machine will be for you and our planet.

It may seem daunting to think you can have even the slightest effect on the Earth's warming trend. But when many people make slight changes it can collectively make a substantial difference. One way to make an impact is to replace your old, hard working appliances with newer, energy efficient "green" models.