

Residential Energy Audit

If high utility bills are getting you down, St. Croix Electric Cooperative (SCEC) can help you to analyze your energy usage in three different ways.

1. The best answer to your energy consumption questions may be a self test. Conducted at your convenience and in the privacy of your home, this tool can be used to educate your entire family on the importance of saving energy. Just follow this link

<https://touchstoneenergy.cooperative.com/public/programs/energyefficiency/lblfiles/launch.htm>

and start reducing your energy needs.

2. If your concern is excessive electrical usage, one of the technicians from SCEC can help you identify the energy gremlins in your home. Simply call our office and one of the staff from the Customer Service Department will speak to you about the unique features of your home and family. Often the energy hogs will be exposed during the conversation. If no apparent reason for extraordinary consumption can be found, a technician will visit your home and physically check your appliances for unusual usage. SCEC does not charge for this valuable service.
3. If you are anxious about higher than normal heating costs, SCEC offers a complete structural heat loss audit. We have engaged the services of a 3rd party Certified Home Inspector to do a complete heat loss analysis of your home. He begins by installing a device in an entrance door that creates a negative pressure in your home. Using a thermal imaging camera, he looks for areas where insulation may be compromised or places where mold may be growing. He checks for leakage of air around windows and doors and suggests remedies like caulking or replacement. He follows his visit with a highly informative written report suggesting steps you should take to lower your heating energy bills. The cost to SCEC customers for this comprehensive energy analysis is \$300.00.
If your home is at least 10 years old, SCEC will share the cost of the energy audit by offering the following rebates.

- If your home is heated by electricity you qualify for a \$200.00 rebate.
- If your home is heated with fossil fuel you qualify for a \$150.00 rebate.

Call our office for more details.