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2.5%

Caulking and/or weather stripping your home is an inexpensive way to increase energy savings by 2.5% annually. So why not pull the trigger?

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Ann Arbor Promotes Energy Efficiency in Commercial Properties

Ann Arbor City Council unanimously supported the establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) at last night's session.

e-peeps: local people making a2energy happen.



Pam Labadie

By using a low-flow showerhead and taking shorter showers, Pam and her family save more than \$50 a year.

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PACE: a program designed for businesses to save money. Today, tomorrow, forever.

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PACE yourself. And save energy.



PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) allows property owners to save energy using a special property assessment. This financing has several potential benefits to commercial property owners over traditional loan products. Traditional financing programs are typically limited by short repayment periods, high or variable interest rates, stringent credit requirements that do not account for savings from improved energy efficiency, lack of equity and limited availability.

PACE special assessments offer low fixed rates, eligibility determined by property value and longer repayment terms. If you want to update your building at a low fixed interest rate with a 10-year term, you want to PACE yourself. Contact the [PACE Administrator](#) to get started now!

PACE Program

Who can apply?

- Commercial or industrial property owners of developed property (existing buildings) located within the city limits of Ann Arbor
- Applicant must be property title holder and property must be free of involuntary liens (federal

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connect, learn, fix, save, repeat.

Block by block, we're asking you to increase your a2energy.



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The guy across the street that won't stop bragging about the air sealing he just did on his old windows. Or a friend who just spent the weekend putting an extra layer of insulation in the attic before the snow flies. Or the guy across town who's excitedly taking the solar-panel-plunge... Ann Arbor e-peeps: Hear about them. Nominate one. Or be one.

 Tell us what you've done.
Become an e-peep.



Pam Labadie

In January 2011, Pam Labadie installed a low-flow (1.5 gallons per minute) showerhead and started using a 5-minute shower timer to take shorter showers. With the help of the EPA's [WaterSense Calculator](#), Pam estimates that her family of four has saved about 3,600 gallons over the course of the year, which amounts to a savings of \$22 in water utility bills and \$30 in energy bills.

Terms: water



Dave Chmura

Dave Chmura replaced 13 incandescent light bulbs with dimmable LED light bulbs. Each year, he saves approximately \$114 and the equivalent of 14,387 pounds of carbon dioxide. In addition to the energy savings and longevity of

You might be thinking you just don't have time to think about energy efficiency. We're here to help. There are numerous steps you can take on the pathway to reducing your energy use – but we've narrowed all those steps down to two things that you should focus on first. Given that infiltration (air sneaking in from the outside or escaping from the inside out) can account for 30% of a home's heating and cooling costs, we've identified air sealing and attic insulation as the primary opportunities for energy savings for Ann Arbor homeowners.

1 Air Sealing

The goal of air sealing is to keep conditioned air inside your home's thermal envelope. Maintaining a consistent, air-sealed barrier between the inside of your home and the outdoor weather is very important for energy efficiency and comfort. According to ENERGY STAR, sealing and insulating the "envelope" or "shell" of your home – its outer walls, ceiling, windows, doors and floors – is often the most cost-effective way to improve energy efficiency and comfort.

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2 Attic Insulation

A useful tool in keeping warm air inside in the winter (and out in the summer) is insulation. The EPA [estimates](#) that skilled homeowners or professional contractors can typically save up to 20% of heating and cooling costs (or up to 10% of total energy costs) by air sealing their homes and