

Are You Spending Your Hard Earned Money Wisely?

Many people are looking for ways to save money these days around their homes in this current economy. One popular area is energy savings, maybe new windows or high efficiency HVAC equipment. How do you know which or if either of these will give you a good return for your investment? Can you believe the many advertisements for miracle solutions?

Just as with investments, you need to do your research to make certain the product being purchased meets your need. How do you do this with energy saving items? First and foremost you need to accurately understand the sources of energy loss in your home. Are you losing most of the heat or cooling through your roof? Your windows? Your doors? It could be with an older home that your greatest losses are through the poorly insulated walls. Spend all the money you like on better windows and doors and get no savings on your monthly utility bills. I recommend a full thermal scan of your home by an independent company to get an unbiased report. Not only will this type scan show the sources of energy loss, it can also indicate moisture issues and sources of mold from leaks you may not even be aware of. Moisture laden material dissipates heat at a different rate. The source of difficult to find leaks can also many times be located more quickly. Another benefit of a full thermal scan is a check on the safety of your homes electrical system. Loose connections, failing outlets and switches generate heat that is detected in the scan avoiding potential sources of fire.

What should you expect to pay for this amazing technology? It is surprisingly inexpensive especially when compare against the potential investment of new windows and doors which can be thousands of dollars. Scans of smaller homes are typically around \$300. A 4000 SF home could be scanned for less than \$500. You typically receive a written report with infrared photos and a description of what the picture actually show. There would also be an estimation of what causes the temperature differences and suggestions for correcting the anomalies. Maybe the scan indicates you need to replace windows, doors, HVAC, etc but you don't have the funds to do it all. The assessment will tell you which areas are the least efficient to give you the greatest bang for your buck. Click the "Request Service" link below if you would like us to arrange a thermal scan for you. This could be the best money you ever spend on your home. In this economy, be smart with home improvement spending.