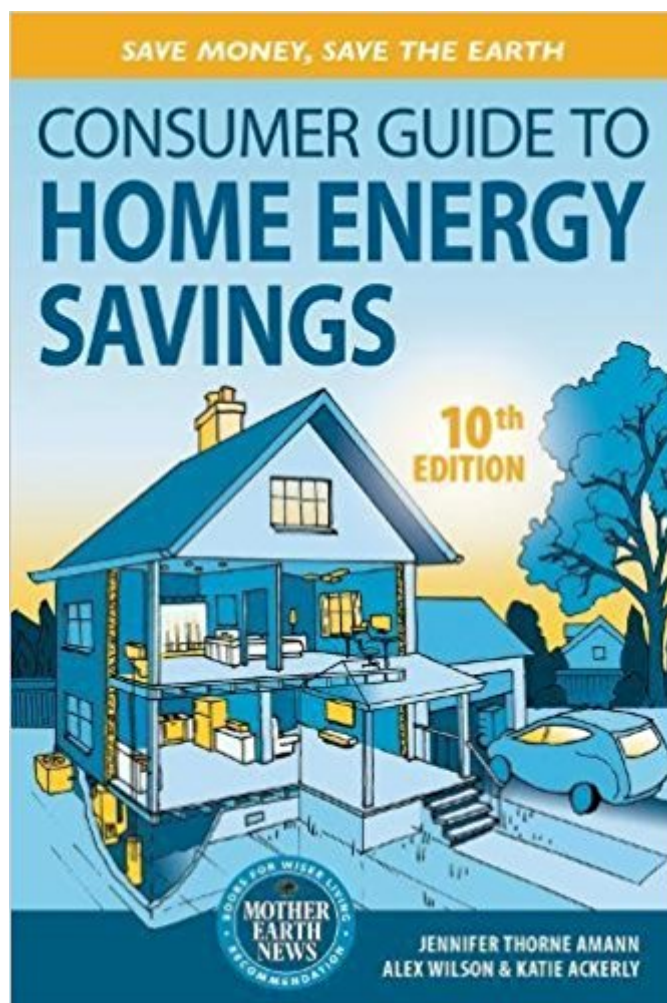


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# Consumer Guide To Home Energy Savings: Save Money, Save The Earth



## Synopsis

Increasing the energy efficiency of your home can save you money, help the environment, and enhance your comfort, but how do you decide which improvements are the most beneficial and cost-effective? Completely revised to incorporate the latest developments in green technology, *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* is the definitive resource for consumers who want to better their home's performance while reducing their energy bills. Well-organized and highly readable, *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* begins with an overview of the relationships between energy use, economics, and the environment. Updated and expanded chapters focus on specific aspects of any home, such as heating and cooling, ventilation, electronics, lighting, cooking, and laundry, and provide helpful explanations for each, including:

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