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Use Loup Power District's Online Energy Saving Calculator ...

Are rising energy costs increasing your anxiety level? Have you thought about what steps you might take to offset those rising costs and wondered just how effective those steps may be? For example, have you been curious at how much money you could save by changing your thermostat setting or by adding storm windows to your home?

Now you can determine your cost savings with just a few clicks of your computer mouse.

Give it a try at the HomeEnergy Calculator on Loup Power District's website (go to www.loup.com and click on the **EnergyWise Calculator & Library** button). It is available to you 24/7 in the comfort of your home. The calculator's quick, one-screen form asks about a dozen questions about your home. Simply click to indicate your home's approximate square footage, age, number of occupants, heating/cooling system fuel type, and several other variables. Then hit "Calculate" to get an estimate of the monthly and annual energy use and costs for your "base house."

Now the fun begins. What changes to your home would you like to consider? Learn how some of the more popular energy efficient items/activities can save you money:

- Programmable thermostats
- Heat pumps
- Insulation
- Weather stripping
- Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)
- Storm windows
- Numerous other options

By clicking on various options you can determine the potential annual energy and cost savings of each measure, based on your current electric rates (or fuel costs) and local weather.

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Once you have a feel for your home’s energy costs and what various changes might save, it’s time to take a big-picture look at overall home energy usage. Click the “Chart” button, and you’ll see a pie chart with the percentage break-down of total annual energy use by appliance or system type for your home.

Another popular feature is the Library. Over 30,000 pieces of information are located within the Library to help explain all the energy-related things you have ever wondered about – like technologies, conservation practices, or simply steps to take that will make your home more energy efficient.

So, there you have it. Try this online tool next time you are surfing the Internet. It’s available 24/7, and it is just one more way Loup Power District in partnership with our wholesale provider Nebraska Public Power District are working together to help you manage your home energy costs.

To find out more:

Contact Loup Power District, Cornhusker Public Power District, Nebraska Public Power District, or your local public power utility for more information on steps homeowners can take to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. While you’re at it, check out the many EnergyWiseSM programs being offered to help you use electric energy efficiently and save money. Lots of useful energy efficiency information is also available at www.loup.com, www.cornhusker-power.com, and www.nppd.com.

Your public power electric utility wants you to get the most energy value for your money. It costs far less to save energy than it does to build a new power plant to generate additional power.

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