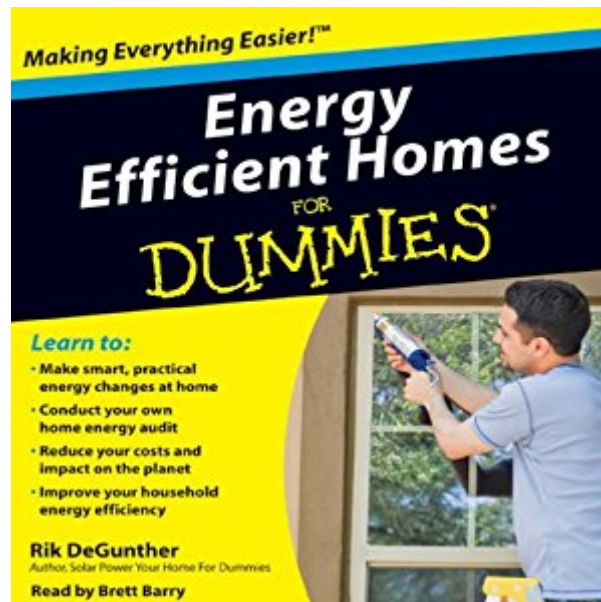




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Energy Efficient Homes For Dummies



Synopsis

Hands-on, practical solutions to save money by making smart energy changes One of the best and most affordable strategies people can employ to combat global warming is to improve the energy and water efficiency of their homes. *Energy Efficient Homes For Dummies* provides homeowners with advice, tips, and projects to reduce costs, increase energy efficiency, and cut down on waste and pollution. After performing a do-it-yourself home energy audit, readers create an action plan based on their personal goals. Readers are presented with a wide range of potential solutions, from making better use of blinds and awnings to exploring geothermal options in order to reduce household costs and their impact on the planet. Rik DeGunther (Rescue, CA) is the founder of Efficient Homes, an energy consulting firm that focuses on home energy audits and the design of efficient heating and cooling systems. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

This was excellent for the basics, and gave some good info on various energy efficient ways to heat your home such as solar power, radiant heat, etc, but otherwise pretty basic. The last chapter gives 30 ways to be more energy efficient. Of these, the least helpful was to skip the dishwasher drying cycle, and the most helpful was a tie between sealing the HVAC ducts and getting a solar hot water heater and going DIY to save \$\$.

Good if you need a basic reference, not so good if you're already well on the path of saving energy.

I took exception with several things this writer said. For one, he puts down energy auditors and says

they aren't needed. I'm all for people doing what they can on their own, but true home performance analysis should be done by a qualified individual if you want to have your home scientifically analyzed. It takes highly calibrated, specialized equipment to do such a thing. Not the kind of everyday tools people have just lying around. I get that he wants people to be able to do it themselves, but it should be understood that that is limited and not a comprehensive home analysis. The other problem I have is that he gets many things just wrong, to the point that I had to put the book away as I saw how wrong he was in the areas I was familiar with, I could only imagine how bad the areas I'm not familiar with were. All in all I can't recommend this book. There are many other books that are much more accurate than this.

I was looking for several options to stay energy efficient and this book offered more than I expected. Great book, written in an easy jargon for everyone.....

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