

'Watts' Driving Up Your Bills?

Are your utility bills rising? A simple home energy audit can help identify the causes and solutions.



What Does an Audit Involve?

It's a thorough process that assesses your home's energy usage and determines what's working and what's not. It can also identify fixes you can make to improve overall efficiency.



The Hidden Costs

- Higher utility costs
- Increased safety risks
- Small issues turn into major repairs
- Appliances operating below peak efficiency
- Discomfort (too warm, too cold, etc.)
- Missed financial opportunities (rebates, discounts, etc.)



Lithium-ion batteries (commonly found in laptops and tablets) are an increasing source of residential fire risks. Always unplug an item once it's charged.



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DIY Home Energy Audit

Try these tips to evaluate your home's energy use. Many utility companies also offer free or inexpensive professional assessments.

Inspect:

- 12 months of utility bills – trends and usage
- Insulation, ductwork, and ventilation – tears or other damage
- Windows and doors – condensation, leaks, mold and drafts
- HVAC systems – evaluate overall performance
- Plumbing and electrical – faucets, pipes, outlets and wiring – wear and tear

Easy Impacts:

- Switch to LED lights inside
- Use solar lights outside (avoid stairs/walkways)
- Install ceiling fans
- Upgrade to efficient showerheads and faucets
- Use energy-efficient appliances
- Reduce “always-on” appliances



Curious how you compare to your neighbors?*

Check your utility bill online for a “**Similar Homes**” tab.

*Results may vary depending on each homeowner's unique situation.

SOURCES: 1. Energy.gov 2. realtor.com/advice/home-improvement/lithium-ion-batteries-home-fire

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As first-time homebuyers, we had a lot of questions, and she took the time to educate us on every step of the process. She made what could have been an overwhelming experience feel manageable and even exciting. Her knowledge of the Austin market, built over 20+ years in the area, gave us confidence in every decision we made.

-Carina & Cam