

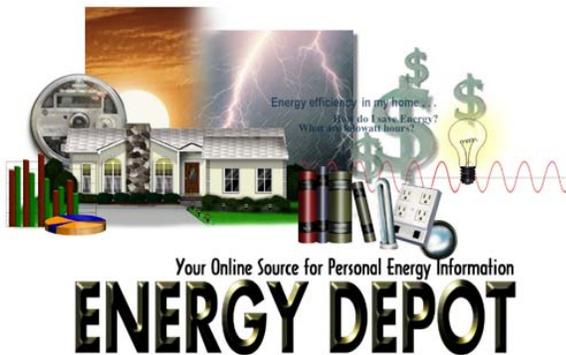
New Online Tools You Can Use to Manage Your Home Energy Costs

You use energy to make your home a comfortable place to live and power the appliances that cook your food, launder your clothes, operate your communication and entertainment systems and much more. Each month, you receive one or more bills for this energy. Though we all value the benefits that energy provides, we want to use energy wisely. Have you ever wondered:

- How much of your energy costs account for cooling and heating your home, water heating, cooking, laundry, etc.?
- The best things you can do to save energy and money?
- How much money you could save by installing a new home heating or cooling system, water heater or more efficient lighting?

Now you can easily answer these questions and many more about home energy use and costs.

ElectriCities of North Carolina, North Carolina Public Power and your local municipal electric utility are pleased to offer you a powerful set of online energy tools known as Energy Depot®. You can access these tools at anytime to answer to your energy questions and there is never any cost to you.



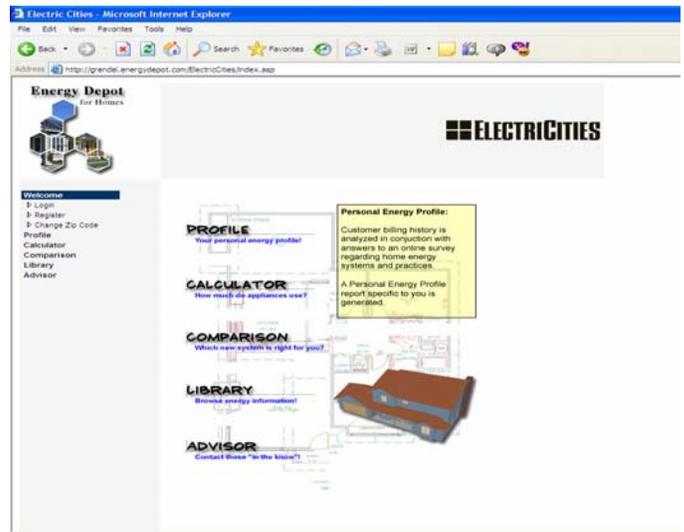
What is Energy Depot?

Energy Depot is an Internet website that you can consider your energy information "tool box". It is filled with software tools designed to meet your energy information needs. Here are the tools you'll find in Energy Depot and what you can use each for:

Personal Energy Profile – Use the Personal Energy Profile tool to obtain the most comprehensive look at your home energy use and how you can save energy and money. You can choose either the detailed "Full Audit" or the abbreviated "EZ Audit". Regardless of which you choose, you'll receive an online report showing one year of energy use and cost by month, a breakout of your annual energy cost for each home energy system and appliance as well as specific recommendations of how to use energy more wisely and estimates savings for each. You can print your report and even save it to your computer. This profile report is personalized for you and is based on a questionnaire you complete online about your home, its energy systems and how you use them. It will analyze home systems using electricity, natural gas, propane and fuel oil. The software is easy to use and incorporates drop-down answer boxes and help screens.

Energy Calculator – Use the Energy Calculator to quickly estimate the annual energy use and costs for individual electric or natural gas home systems and appliances. Just answer one to four quick questions and receive your answer.

Energy Comparison Tool – Use the Energy Comparison Tool when you are considering replacing your home heating or cooling system or water heater. This software allows you to quickly compare your existing home heating, cooling (or combined heating and cooling) system or water heater with a range of new systems. You can also choose to compare different new systems with each other. You have a complete range of energy sources, equipment types and efficiencies to choose from. Enter the installed price from your contractor's bids and the software will estimate the time (payback period) it will take for you to recover the cost of more efficient systems through energy savings.



Energy Library – Use the Energy Library's collection of fact sheets to read more about home energy topics and ways to use energy more wisely. The Library also includes the top 100 more frequently asked questions on home energy use together with answers.

Get Started Today!

You can access Energy Depot through your local municipal utility's website. Look for the Energy Depot link on the opening page or in the section for residential customers. The software will use your local weather data and energy costs for its calculations.

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