

Energy Star campaign gearing up efficiency

Nevada Energy Star Partners recently launched its 2008 "Energy Star — Your Green Foundation" campaign. The three-month awareness-building initiative, funded by contributions from partners, is designed to promote Energy Star brand awareness and energy conservation as an important first step for individuals and corporations committed to "going green."

"Our company is committed to helping home owners reduce their energy costs by providing simple and straightforward energy-saving tips," said Cody McGhie, vice president of operations for Energy Inspectors, a member of Nevada Energy Star Partners, a coalition of Southern Nevada home builders, developers, retailers, mortgage providers, energy consultants and local utilities promoting energy conservation.

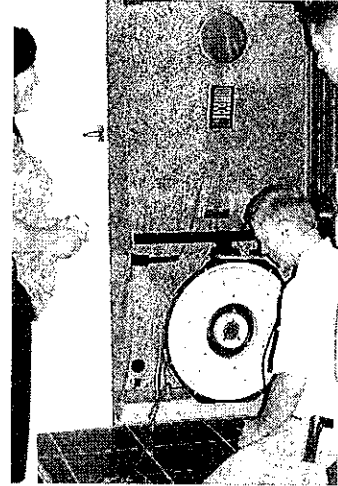
"With the rising cost of energy, saving energy is saving money," McGhie said.

The campaign encourages home owners to take control of their energy use, conserve Nevada's energy resources and lower overall energy bills.

Keeping the vents on the dryer free of lint and replacing standard lighting with energy-efficient bulbs are ways homeowners can save energy while keeping their homes comfortable during the hot summer months, McGhie said.

Energy-saving tips also include turning up the thermostat when homeowners are sleeping or are away from home during the day, setting the sprinkler system to the current watering guidelines, and frequently replacing furnace and air conditioner filters.

Energy Inspectors was founded in Las Vegas in 1999 and is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Nevada State Energy Office, and the Residential Energy Services Network as a certified Home Energy Rating



Annette Bubak, left, chairperson of the 2008 Nevada Energy Star campaign and Cody McGhie, vice president of operations for Energy Inspectors, right, observe Steve Cheney, a HERS rater with Energy Inspectors, as he conducts tests at a high-rise unit at Boca Raton Condominiums in Las Vegas.

System provider.

The company recently added new Third Part I inspection services, which includes solar verification and certified green point raters for all green programs in Las Vegas.

Energy Star is the national U.S. government symbol for energy efficiency and was created by the EPA in 1992 originally for energy-conserving computers.

It is now jointly implemented with the U.S. Department of Energy. Since its origin, the program has been expanded to include over 40 product categories that conserve energy and protect the environment — from appliances, electronics, lighting, windows and office products — to homes and even mortgages.

Nevada Energy Star Partners encourages consumers and businesses to share how they are making a difference.

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