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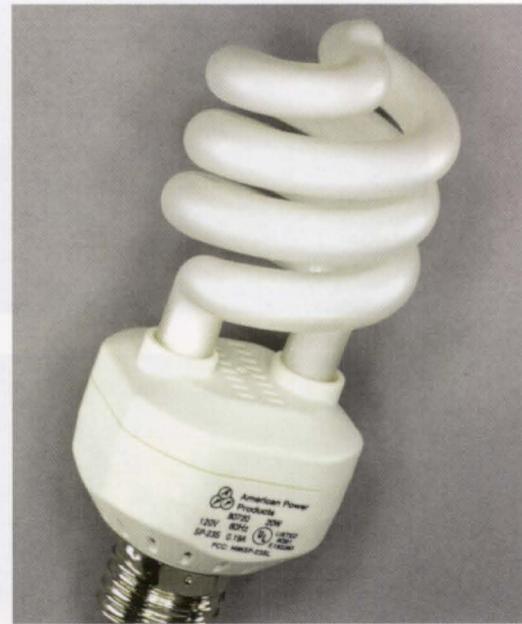
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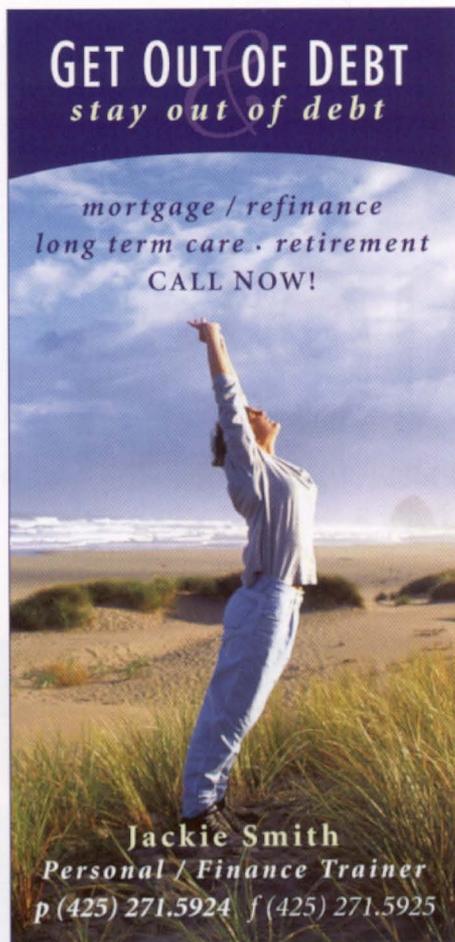
**L**ove your house, but need more room? Tired of outdated fixtures and appliances? Dreaming of a remodeling project but can't decide where to start? Want to save money with energy efficient products?

Whether it's a small or large project, remodeling your home can be a daunting task, and the options available to you, along with the price tag attached to these options, can seem overwhelming. In some cases, however, making the right decision can actually save you money once the project is complete, such as updating your home's appliances to new energy efficient products.

If you're looking for ideas or just want to see what's available, be sure to visit the 2003 Pierce County Tour of Remodeled Homes. Tacoma Power partnered with the Remodelers™ Council and several homeowners on the Tour who were eager to make energy saving decisions on their remodeling projects by installing Energy Star products. Running during the weekend of September 27–28, the Tour of Remodeled Homes offers attendees the ability to admire and inspect the design work and decisions that went into each individual home remodel. If you are considering a home remodel or currently have a project

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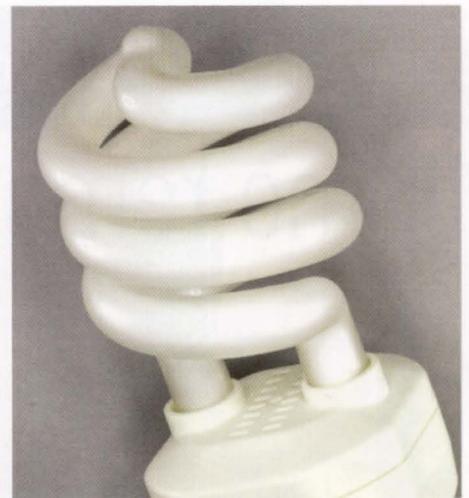
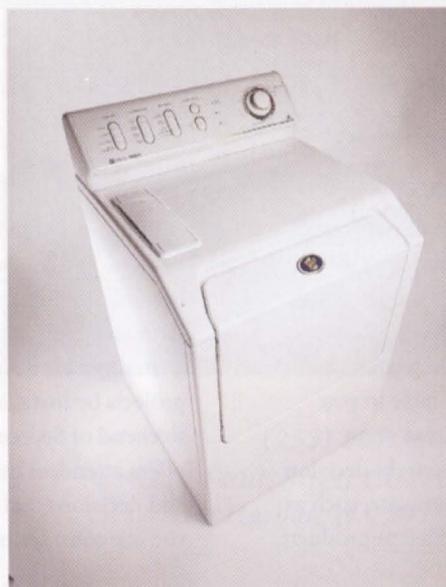
There's no better time than during a remodel to select Energy Star products to be installed. Since remodelers usually plan to replace light fixtures, windows, and appliances, selecting the most energy efficient products can help homeowners save on their energy bills once the dust has settled.

### ENERGY EFFICIENT TOUR HOMES

#### *The Young Home*

Robert and Pat Young of North Tacoma, along with their contractor Chris Smith of Able Remodeling, Inc., chose Energy Star qualified fluorescent recessed light fixtures instead of standard incandescent recessed fixtures for their kitchen remodel. This decision will reduce their lighting consumption from 100 watts to 26 watts per fixture. 17 of these fixtures were installed, reducing their total lighting consumption from 1700 to 442 watts. As guests enter or leave the Young's home, they will find their way enhanced by the illumination of a new porch light and walkway light, compliments of Thomas Lighting. Both fixtures use a 26-watt fluorescent instead of a 100-watt incandescent, making it economical to leave the lights on throughout the night for added security.

In addition to the savings on their lighting, the Youngs will enjoy savings to their water and power consumption as a result of the Energy Star qualified kitchen appliances they selected. These appliances not only help keep money in their wallets, they also enhance the beautiful new cabinets and countertops in their kitchen. Cleaning up after dinner might not be such a mundane chore for the Youngs anymore, since they can now enjoy a gorgeous view of Commencement Bay through their Energy Star qualified insulated windows. The windows selected for this home are more efficient than the current Building Code requirement, resulting in a higher insulating value. This means that the windows are



more effective in keeping the home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

#### *The Hagberg-Triplett Home*

For Mike Hagberg and Lori Triplett, also of North Tacoma, through the contracting work of Duke York of York Enterprises, their one-and-a-half story house is now a full 2-story home complete with an office, additional bedroom and bath, and a remodeled kitchen. Along with all the extra space, they can rest assured that they made the right choice when selecting Energy Star qualified insulated windows. The replacement windows, also of a lower U-value than the current Building Code requires, retain the original bungalow look yet offer a substantial energy-saving improvement over the old single-pane windows.

Conscious of the environment, these homeowners searched for healthy and resourceful products to use in their remodel. Their new kitchen flooring and countertops are made from recycled products purchased from the Environmental Home Center, which carries a complete line of "green building" materials sensitive to the environment. With all of the improvements to the ir home, you can bet that Mike and Lori's 4<sup>th</sup> of July "fireworks viewing" parties will now be standing room only.

#### *The Miller Home*

In the University Place neighborhood, Tom Reier of Reier Construction, LLC worked with Rick and Rhonda Miller to enlarge both the first and second levels of their home. Their updated bathrooms include Energy Star qualified ventilation fans that are so quiet they won't even notice when

the fans are on. Kitchen appliances have been upgraded to an attractive Energy Star qualified refrigerator and dishwasher, reducing these appliances' power and water consumption, as well as the Miller's utility bill.

Make your remodeling dream a reality, but don't let your decisions drive up the operating cost once you settle into your completed "new" home. Let your remodel pay for itself by selecting products that use the least amount of energy while adding an attractive addition to your home. If you are planning a remodeling project, whether it's a do-it-yourself project or you've hired a building contractor, contact your local utility for energy saving ideas and tips. Your utility might also offer rebates or incentives if you purchase an Energy Star qualified product.

Whatever your remodeling decision, however large or small your project, the number of ways you can be energy wise are as numerous as the energy saving products available. ←

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