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Give Your Home a Tune-Up: DRW Home Performance Solutions



Infrared Can Pinpoint "Hotspots" in your Windows, Doors, and Walls

Every home has room for a little improvement. But how can you determine if the energy efficiency of your home can be improved. That's where DRW comes in. DRW is an inspection company that relies on infrared photography and the latest technology to search out all of the little problem areas and heat traps that, in the long run, may have a major impact on the comfort level of your home... *and* your electricity bill size. They will even make the necessary improvements to get your home's efficiency level where it needs to be.



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To give you all a better idea of DRW's services, I had them come to my home for an inspection. My home is quite a few decades old, but with the improvements I've made such as dual pane windows, I thought my home was pretty efficient. The inspection uncovered a few problem areas, namely, the ductwork leaked and reduced airflow, and my attic was under-insulated. They also recommended replacing my old A/C unit with something more efficient. I'll be having these repairs made to my home so stay tuned, next month I'll let you know if my bills are down much from last year! To have your home evaluated, call Clinton with DRW at 480-350-9274.

Tips for a Lower Summer Energy Bill

Turning up the thermostat is the last thing we Arizonans want to do, but here are some other ways you can lower your energy bill.

- **Unplug Appliances:** When they aren't in use, appliances still draw a current.
- **Check for Leaks:** Make sure all weather stripping on doors and windows forms a complete seal from outdoor air (and heat).
- **Replace Air Filters:** Don't make your AC unit work harder than necessary, toss the dusty filter!
- **Paint it White:** Light exterior colors will reflect sunlight away from your home.
- **Fluorescel!** Fluorescent bulbs use 75% less energy than standard light bulbs, and last longer. Use them outside and in.
- **Check the Flue:** Personal experience, make sure that chimney flue hasn't been left open!



Be friends with your thermostat this summer!


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