# Energy Efficiency in <a href="mailto:community"><a href="mailto:community">

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#### Introduction and Outline

- Why energy use should matter to you!
- Energy use and home structure
- Understanding your utility bills
- What impacts energy use
- Benefits of being energy efficient, for you and your community
- What can you do?

### Why it Matters

- How energy use impacts community members:
  - Utility bills
  - Improve home comfort
  - Home safety and health
  - Protect the land



• Energy use is on the rise in BC, and our intent is to decrease energy consumption to take pressure off the system as a whole

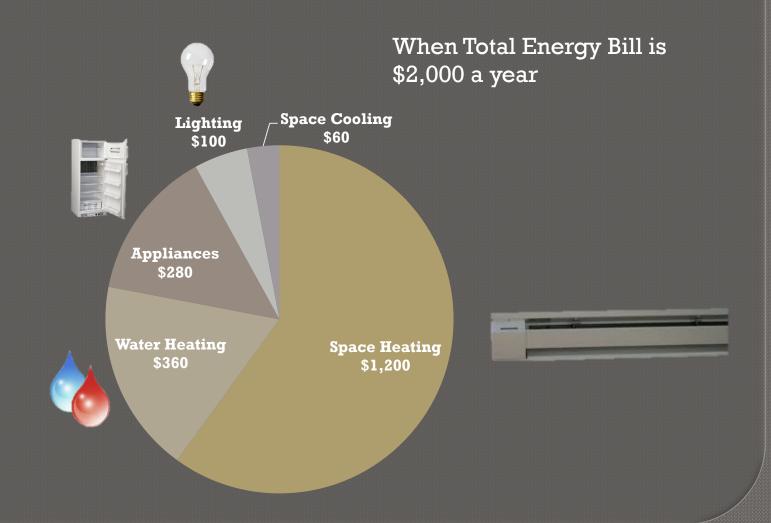
### General Energy Information

- The energy supply in <insert community> comes from:
- Natural gas
  - Typically found above petroleum resources
- Propane
  - Byproduct of natural gas processing and petroleum refining
- Electricity
  - Hydroelectricity and/or diesel generation in remote communities
- Wood
  - Locally sourced and used

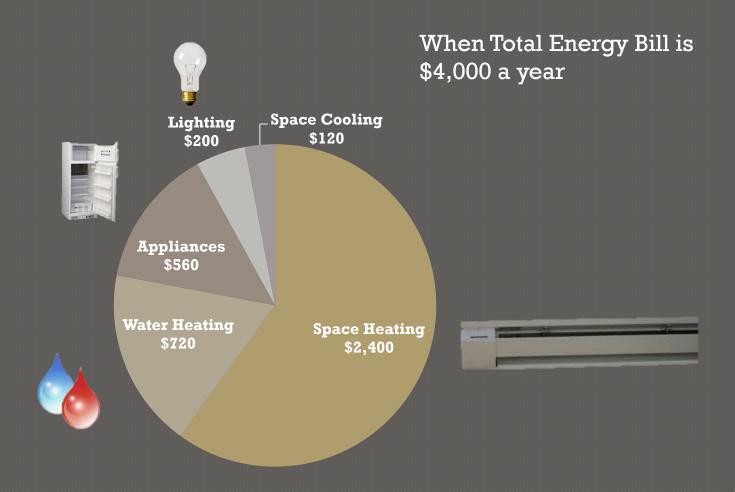
# <Insert community> -specific Energy Information

- Housing types and age
- Ask about typical bills
  - Community and individual
- Current programs or initiatives regarding housing and organizational structure
- Short and long term outlook for housing: new construction and upgrades

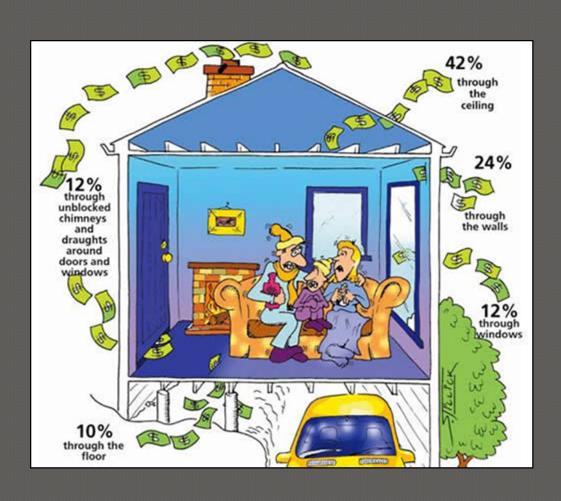
#### Where are your energy dollars going? A Breakdown of Average Canadian Home Energy Use



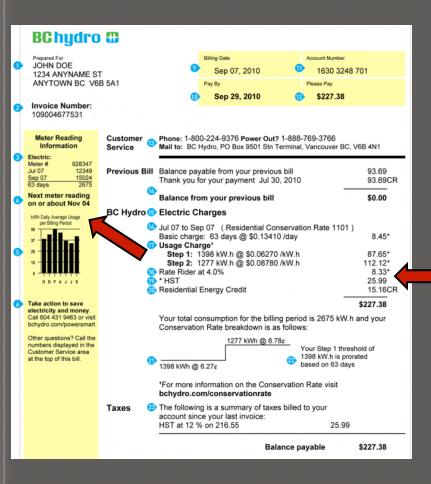
# First Nation Energy Use and Cost can be Double\*

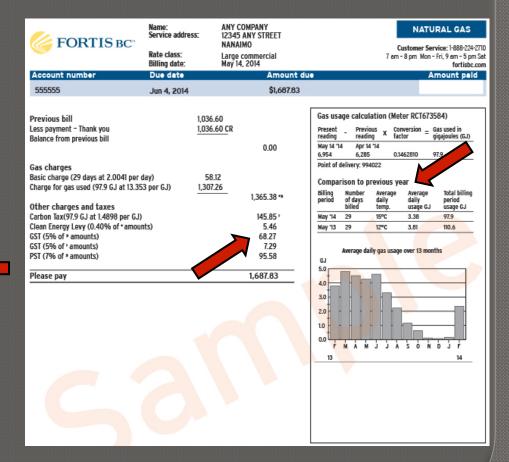


### Where Dollars Escape



### Understanding Your Energy Bill





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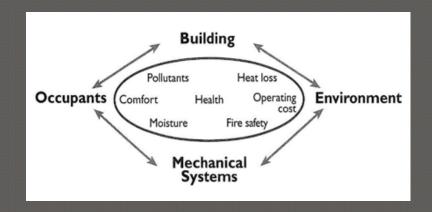
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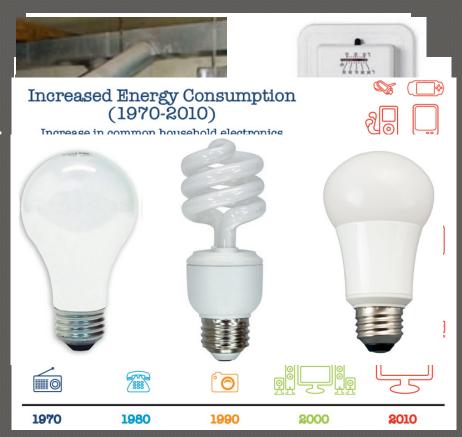
### Factors Affecting Energy Use

- Construction
  - Building code standards
  - Installation and inspection procedures
- Maintenance
  - Materials procurement
  - Procedures
- Energy awareness
  - Knowledge
  - Behaviours

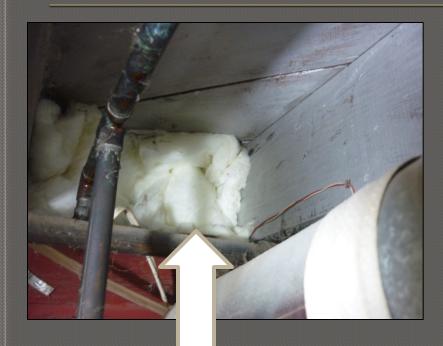


### Home Structure and Components

- Building envelope
  - Moisture and ventilation
- Heating systems
  - Controls
- Lighting
- Appliances and plug loads



## Envelope Air Sealing – What does it cost?



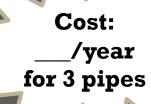
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# Fans, Vents, and Ducts



## Plumbing and Penetrations







# Exterior Doors



Cost:
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#### Windows

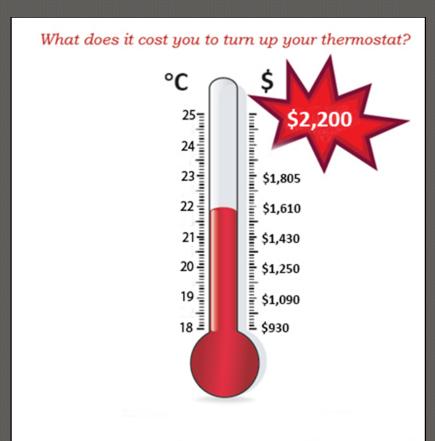


Cost: \_/window/year



#### Heating – What is the cost?

For every degree, annual costs can increase by \$190!



Keep your thermostat low and use wood to heat your home!

### What can Residents Do? Energy Efficient Actions

#### Air Sealing and Heating

- Reduce drafts
  - Seal obvious gaps and air leaks, especially around doors, windows, plumbing, and electrical outlets
  - Have broken or cracked windows and doors replaced
  - Use a door sock at the bottom of doors
- Open curtains to let the sun in and heat rooms during the day then close them at night to keep heat in
- Avoid using portable electric heaters
- Turn down your thermostat at night and during the day if no one is home
- Change the furnace filter regularly

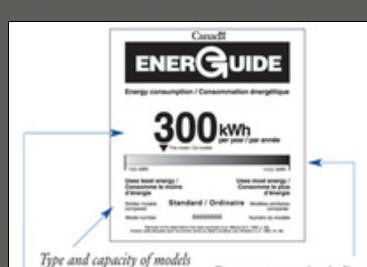


### What can Residents Do? Energy Efficient Actions

#### **Hot Water**

- You might not pay for water but you do pay to heat water!
  - Check that all taps have aerator 'screens' on them to use water efficiently
  - Insulate hot water heater pipes
- Take shorter 5 minute showers!
- Wash clothes in cold water and use the correct setting for size of load
- Make sure hot water heater is set to the correct temperature (55°F)

#### Choose Efficient **Appliances**



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Energy consumption / Consommation énergétique

372 kWh

484 kWh

Uses least energy / Consomme le moins d'énergie

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Energy consumption / Consommation énergétique

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### What can Residents Do? Energy Efficient Actions

#### Appliances and Plugs

- Clean dryer lint screens to help clothes dry faster!
- Unplug appliances with LED lights or those that 'stay on' when you're not using them
- Keep the fridge closed until you decide what to eat
- Put all food into one fridge/freezer if you have two half-empty ones and unplug the extra one

## Lightbulb Cost Comparison



#### 60W Incandescent Bulb

Initial cost \$0.80
Annual usage cost \$7.88
Lifespan 2 years

Average annual cost for home with 15 bulbs

\$124.20



\$5.75 \$1.71 7 years

\$37.95



#### 9W LED Bulb

\$13.50 \$1.18 23 years

\$26.40

### What can Residents Do? Energy Efficient Actions

#### Lights and Ventilation

Turn off the lights in unused rooms



- Turn off outdoor lights during the day
- Use bathroom and kitchen fans to keep air circulating
  - Tip!! Make sure to keep the fans clean clean them when you check the batteries in smoke alarms every 6 months!

# Benefits of Energy Efficient Practices

#### Cost savings



- Lower utility bills for all residents to keep more money in the community for other programs
- Lower maintenance costs
- Increasing lifespan of current and new housing stock

#### Home comfort

Reduced drafts and hot/cold spots



#### Health impacts

- Improved ventilation and insulation reduces occurrence of mold
- Safer homes, especially for the young and Elders

#### Lower impact on the land

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Contribute towards lower provincial energy use and potentially eliminate need for new energy generation locations



## Involving the Community

#### • Energy Champion

 Community-based leader who works to facilitate energy project, shares energy knowledge, and acts as energy contact for other residents

#### • Green Team

- All-ages community team supporting other members in reducing energy use
- Social media or other platform for sharing tips, knowledge, and information
- Set community-wide challenge and goals

### Questions and Discussion

