

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

Onondaga County



"In addition to the cost savings, it's reassuring to know that my house is more energy efficient. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is a great program and I have already recommended it to three to four people. They are looking into doing it too."

Cynthia Galvin

Annual Savings: \$221
Payback Period: 8.7 years
Project Cost: \$1,932
Cost to Homeowner: \$1,739
Improvements: attic insulation,
air sealing, ENERGY STAR qualified
lighting

Two years ago, Cynthia Galvin purchased a home built in 1970 and after moving in, she experienced cold drafts and high energy costs. Then a friend recommended that Cynthia use the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program to help her lower her energy bills and increase the comfort of her home.

Cynthia selected Entherm, Inc., a Building Performance Institute (BPI) Accredited Contractor, to conduct a Comprehensive Home Assessment. The assessment included a number of energy efficiency and safety tests such as a blower-door test to determine the areas where energy escapes, and carbon monoxide testing to make sure her appliances and heating system were venting properly. The contractor gave Cynthia a detailed report of the assessment and recommended improvements that would save her the most energy and provide long-term savings. The contractor even told her what improvements she could do herself. Cynthia added insulation to the rafters in the basement on her own and hired Entherm to insulate the attic. Entherm put the fee for the Comprehensive Home Assessment toward the cost of the improvements.

Since the work was completed, Cynthia's winter heating bills have gone down by \$75 to \$100 per month and she comes home to a warmer, more comfortable house.

Take advantage of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program today and you could reduce your annual energy bill by up to 40 percent.

To find a list of BPI Accredited Contractors near you and learn about the financing options available, visit www.GetEnergySmart.org or call toll-free **1-877-NY-SMART**.

