

Hire an expert

Probably the best way to spend your investment dollars is to hire an expert:

- To analyze those parts of your energy systems which you don't understand:
- To explain possible energy savers, including changes in control settings, modifications to your lighting, and new controls or equipment that would be more efficient:
- To estimate potential costs and energy savings: and
- To actually adjust your existing equipment to **save** you energy dollars immediately—for example, testing and tuning your HVAC equipment.

Experts in the energy field probably will be listed in the yellow pages, or your utility or your business or professional associates may be able to make some recommendations. Expect to pay a **lump sum** fee, usually a multiple of an hourly charge, and be sure to ask in advance:

- what their services will include:
- what you may expect to save; and
- whether they will give you a written report

Also be sure to ask the expert to refer you to other

clients, call them to find out what kinds of savings the expert has helped them to achieve.

The reason that expert analysis and tuning can be so worthwhile is that a few relatively simple adjustments, that you wouldn't know how to make, can save you **2%, 5%, 10%** or more on your energy bills. This could amount to hundreds and even thousands of energy dollars saved every year, with no investment on your part except the energy expert's fee.