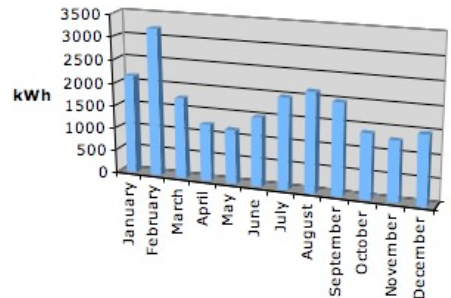


PRESS RELEASE

WHY GO SOLAR?

"Many people believe that their car is the largest single source of air pollution for which they are personally responsible. But in fact, the average home causes the emission of more than twice as much carbon dioxide--the principal greenhouse gas--as the average car. This is because most of the energy consumed in our homes is produced by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas. This pollution is actually a hidden cost for the energy we use, over and above the dizzying \$110 billion Americans spend each year on their home energy bills-- that's nearly \$1,300 per house!" This statement is according to Home Energy Saver project <http://hes.lbl.gov/>, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, as part of the national Energy Star program for improving energy efficiency in homes.

While many people in Louisiana assume their highest energy use is during the summer months, you might be surprised to learn that February and January are often months of very high energy consumption. A quick referral to a year's worth of your utility bills will tell you if this is true for you. Check the kWh for the dates your meter is read, not your bill due date. According to NOAA, February 2007 was 1.8F colder than the average, so check for previous years as well. Your energy usage might look something like this:



It's a great time to learn about ways to reduce your home energy bill. Saving money and the environment while the sun shines is one of the ways, as Louisiana begins the new year with its incredible **50% refundable state tax credit** for the first \$25,000 spent on solar and wind installations, which goes into effect on **January 1, 2008**. This is in addition to the 30% federal tax credit, up to \$2000. More details of these tax incentives are available at the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency website <http://www.dsireusa.org/>.

Louisiana has a healthy net metering rule that has been in effect state wide since 2005 for all Louisiana utility companies. Utility -- also known as grid-tied -- solar or wind systems feed their excess energy back into the grid, which will give residential or commercial customers a credit to be used in times of greater utility usage, or issued in the form of a refund check when the customer discontinues service. This credit will carry forward month to month. In some states the utility credit does not carry forward month to month. In other states, utility companies, such as Xcel Energy in Colorado, have seen the benefits of a steady source of renewable energy from their customers, for which they pay the customers a portion of the installation costs for the 20-year rights to that energy in the form of a rebate, often within one month of completed paperwork. Solar panels typically have a 20-year warranty, last often much longer than that, and are maintenance free. Unlike energy from fossil fuels, the cost of solar energy does not fluctuate. That's a boon to utility companies.

Cat Dancing Energy is a new company in the Lafayette, LA area which will help people lower their electric bill through improving home energy efficiency and solar energy installations, as well as providing information through continuing education classes.

Welcome to the future and a bright and sunny 2008!

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