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DO-IT-YOURSELF HOME ENERGY AUDIT CLASS OFFERED

Course teaches consumers how to make their homes more energy efficient.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Oct. 19, 2010 — Westar Energy's Energy Efficiency department is offering consumers a class on how to make their homes more energy efficient. The class will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 28 at Westar Energy's Service Building, 1000 N. Halstead. During the three-hour do-it-yourself home energy audit course, attendees will learn how to conduct their own home energy assessment in order to locate and repair air leaks and make other minor modifications that can save energy and money.

Hutchinson resident Ed Maschler is excited about the opportunity to learn ways to save energy and money around his home and business and has been helping promote the class in the Hutchinson area. "Any way I can find to save money within these economic times is of interest to me," Maschler said.

Participants in the evening session will learn about heating and cooling equipment, air sealing (insulation, windows and doors), water heating, lighting and appliances. They'll also have an opportunity to try hands-on displays that teach the basics of weather stripping and caulking

around windows and doors and how to properly use a can of spray foam to seal gaps. Participants will leave with a kit of energy efficiency items valued at \$25.

To register for the class, which costs \$20, visit the EfficiencyWorks section at WestarEnergy.com and click on Home Energy Audit Class under Programs. Or, call 1.888.WORKS.50 for more information.

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