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DO-IT-YOURSELF HOME ENERGY AUDIT CLASSES OFFERED

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

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 7, 2010 — Westar Energy’s Energy Efficiency department will teach consumers on Saturday how to make their homes more energy efficient during two three-hour do-it-yourself home energy audit courses. The two classes will be held at Westar’s service building at 1900 E. Central from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Consumers will learn how to conduct their own home energy audit in order to locate and repair air leaks and make other minor modifications that can save energy and money.

Participants in the half-day 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.

“We have had a wonderful response to this first offering of our do-it-yourself classes, and we plan to offer more classes in the future,” said Gina Penzig, manager, corporate communications.

“These sessions provide a comprehensive overview of where to look for energy efficiency improvements and how to do them.”

Note to media: The hands-on portion of the classes take place about an hour after the start of each class.

For more information, visit the EfficiencyWorks section at WestarEnergy.com.

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