

Energy-Saving Technology

The Heat Is On—Less

(NAPSA)—If you're a homeowner, you know the expense of staying comfortable in your house no matter what the weather is like outside. Fortunately, it can be easy to save money without turning the heat or air conditioning off entirely.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, basic home comfort is more expensive than any other utility. Heat, along with air conditioning, burns 44 percent of each utility bill. In addition to this expense, a home's HVAC system contributes to more than a half billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions every year. Experts say this contributes to global warming.

However, it doesn't have to be this way. The U.S. Department of Energy says homeowners can protect the environment and lower heating and cooling bills as much as 10 percent a year by turning the thermostat back just 15 percent while they're asleep or at work. This can be done automatically without sacrificing comfort by installing an automatic setback or programmable thermostat.

By using a programmable thermostat, homeowners can adjust the times they turn on the heating or air-conditioning according to a preset schedule, so they don't use those systems as much when they're asleep or away.

The user-friendly York® Talking Thermostat allows users to set four different time/temperature settings each day, while a manual override feature makes it



You can save money and promote cleaner air with a programmable thermostat.

possible to override and change these settings. The thermostat also offers a number of additional features, including an easy-to-read, lighted LCD display that shows current temperature, set points and the heating or cooling mode of operation.

A low battery warning tells homeowners when it's time to change the batteries. If there's a spike or a power surge, a backup battery system prevents reprogramming after power outages. The Talking Thermostat will also automatically call for heat at 40 degrees, even if the batteries are dead or not installed. This is a great feature for vacation homes or when homeowners are away from the house for a long time.

To learn more about Talking Thermostats, visit York's Web site at www.yorkupg.com or call 1-800-910-YORK.