

ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Save Energy While You Beautify Your Home *New All-Weather "Storm Doors" Work In Hot Or Cold Climates*

(NAPSA)—Those who thought the energy crisis was twenty years behind us may need to reconsider that position. With energy issues back in the headlines, now is a good time to take as many steps as possible to improve the thermal integrity of your home.

Installing a new, energy-efficient storm door is one such step that can make a difference in your energy bill as well as the appearance of your home. A good storm door can cut energy loss through a doorway by as much as 80 percent. The R-value of the door, plus the space between the primary door and the storm door, work together to insulate the entrance. Doors with magnetic weather stripping and overlapping frames do the best job of conserving energy.

According to June Eng of Larson Manufacturing (America's leading manufacturer of storm doors), a good storm door is actually an "all-weather energy management tool."

Most people think of a storm door as a way to keep out the cold, but a good door is just as effective in hot weather to keep cool air from leaking outside. Because a storm door is also an excellent way to let in fresh air on pleasant days, Larson includes a screen with every door. Many people use the screen during cooler mornings and evenings to give their air conditioner a break.

Aside from generating energy savings, a new storm door can also be an inexpensive "makeover" for the exterior of your home. An investment of only \$150 to \$200 can update the look of your home, let in more light and improve security.

Finding a color and style that will look good on your home should be easy, as there are literally dozens of options available. Larson, for example, offers over 40 different models to choose from, including traditional and modern designs.

"It's a beautiful way to save



A new energy-efficient storm door not only cuts heating and cooling costs, but also can make a beautiful difference in your home's appearance.

energy all year 'round," says Ms. Eng.

Larson Manufacturing, the world's largest storm door manufacturer, is a family-owned company based in Brookings, South Dakota. Larson has been building storm doors for over 40 years. For a complete pictorial guide to storm doors and to find the nearest retailer, call 1-800-411-LARSON, or visit the company's Web site at www.larsondoors.com.

The doors are available at independent hardware stores as well as regional and national chains, such as Lowe's, Menards and many others.