









PSC Chairman Art Graham Helps Customers Save Energy Through Home Energy Audits

Get a jump-start on your New Year's resolutions and schedule a home energy audit now to become an energy efficiency champion year-round. During Energy Awareness Month in October, Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman Art Graham joined Beaches Energy Services (BES) representatives in performing a residential home energy audit in Jacksonville to encourage Florida consumers to reduce their energy consumption and save money. Chairman Graham assisted Rik Amato, BES Conservation Specialist, in helping a customer learn easy home energy efficiency measures.

"Energy Awareness Month reminds us how doing our part can make a difference to reduce our energy usage and save money on utility bills," said PSC Chairman Art Graham. "I encourage everyone to get a home energy audit or do their own.

"By checking and making minor improvements to insulation, water heating, HVAC system, lighting, windows, and doors, the home's overall home energy efficiency is improved, making it more comfortable and more affordable."

Always committed to saving consumers' money, in September the PSC produced a [consumer tip video](#) on how homeowners can perform a do-it-yourself analysis of your home's energy consumption. Some of the tips included:

-  Using power strips in areas where you have a lot of electronics. This makes it easy to power down a room full of equipment with just one switch.
-  Switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).
-  Unplugging things like phone chargers and laptop cords when not using them. They use energy even when not attached to your phone or computer.
-  Insulating your home and weatherizing your doors and windows.
-  Installing programmable thermostats and washing only full loads of dishes and clothes to increase your energy efficiency.
-  Taking advantage of natural heat and cooling. Close curtains during hot days to keep the house cool and open them to warm the house in the winter.

For additional information on how you can save money on your utility bill by making small changes in your home, visit www.FloridaPSC.com.