

Energy Conservation Tips

I would like to suggest the following as tips that can help conserve energy for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and help us to become less reliant on other countries for the means to create our energy.

- Remove laws or rules that prevent energy conservation. For example, we just had a sunroom installed. The sunroom's roof was designed to let heat escape during the summer months. Our homeowner association required that it have shingles on the roof, which trapped the summer heat. And so to make the room usable, we have to use extra energy to cool it.
- Remove laws or rules that prevent solar energy from being used to generate electricity or heat water. Solar panels on the roof of a house will maximum the collection of sunlight and have a side benefit of preventing the house from being heated by sunlight. Again, many homeowner associations do not allow for solar panels to be placed on the roof or a house.
- Encourage the planting of trees to shade windows so that the house stays cooler.
- Encourage the use of window awnings to prevent sunlight from heating the house's interior. And prevent them from being prohibited.

Thank you for your time.

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