

New Energy-Saving Tip From the Old Farmer

The Old Farmer's Almanac, which has piled up an impressive record for accurate weather forecasting for 182 consecutive years, is concerned that America's energy crunch is going to cause hardships in many homes.

"The energy crisis is a lot like the weather," says Rob Trowbridge, publisher of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. "Everyone talks about it, but not many of us are doing much to help resolve it. If the Old Farmer were alive today, he'd certainly take it seriously and he'd never consider wasting the heating and cooling energy we take for granted."

"I've learned from the people at Certain-teed Products Corporation that one half of our homes have NO insulation in the attic. Most of the others are inadequately insulated. That's just ridiculous when there is fiber glass insulation available from Certain-teed and other companies that you just lay between the floor joists in your attic," he notes.

"Our forefathers would have admired our central heating systems—but they'd be appalled to learn how much heat goes right up into the attic and is lost. They'd have immediately recognized the year-round economics and comfort of insulating their attics with 6" of fiber glass insulation," Mr. Trowbridge says. "It pays for itself in utility bills in a little over a year in a moderate climate. And in summer, it costs less to cool your home when you have an insulated attic."

The Old Farmer and the folks at Certain-teed have developed a heating and cooling savings chart showing what you'd typically save in Phoenix, Fairbanks, Miami and most cities in between. It's included in a "Home Insulation Guide"—available from the Home Institute, Certain-teed Products Corporation, P. O. Box 860, Valley Forge, Pa. 19482. "The Old Farmer would have sent for a copy right away," Trowbridge quipped, "especially since it's free!"

