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Dear Island Friends,

Usually I think of an audit as something BAD. But we just asked for an energy audit from OPALCO and what a pleasant and informative and eye-opening experience it was! We were (are) interested in doing our part in lowering energy consumption and also lowering our power bill. I was also secretly hoping for some economic justification for beginning to replace some of our three 30+ year old appliances.

It costs just \$25 (OPALCO subsidizes the other \$75). This wonderful young man Doug Poole came and spent hours going through the house top to bottom checking for leaks, insulation deficiencies, mold and air quality issues, old energy-eating appliances (including info about OPALCO rebates towards replacement costs). We learned sooo much - ranging from simple things like adjustment screws on our door sills and what kinds of weather stripping to use where to more complex information about a heat pump we might want some time in the future.

We were left with quite a to-do list, though Doug's company (SAGE Building Solutions) would also gladly perform the work for anyone who didn't want to do the work themselves. To top it off, he gave us - that's right - GAVE us dozens and dozens of replacement lightbulbs for the entire house (CFL - but WARM light rather than the icky white light I was used to) and in all shapes and sizes for different fixture types. And then as extra icing, he went around the house and changed the bulbs FOR us - including ones that needed his handy-dandy extension pole to reach.

I can't recommend this enough. Couldn't resist sharing the news in hopes that more people will sign up for this service. It's the best deal in town!

Sincerely,

Carole Davis
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