

Question 5

Does your house help with energy bill stress?

	SELECT ALL THAT APPLY	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	RESOURCE / LINKS
4 P O I N T S	I have completed a Home Energy Audit to see my energy bill vulnerabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home energy audits are extremely helpful isolate energy wasting components of your home infrastructure and usage habits.• There are do-it-yourself audits and you can hire a professional.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Energy Yardstick• Energy Saving at Home• DIY Home Energy Audit
3 P O I N T S	I have Energy Star Appliances, exhaust fans, and lighting to conserve energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Star is a Department of Energy program that appliance producers join to show how much energy you would consume using their device.• You can use the predicted energy usage as a purchase criteria prior to acquiring an appliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Star• Water Conservation Strategies
2 P O I N T S	I have solar panels for power or solar hot water panels, or both.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most solar panels are installed without batteries and will lower your electricity bills significantly.• Solar hot water panels usually circulate water between them and the hot water tank, and heat the water with the sun's free energy instead of electricity you purchase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solar Panel Pros and Cons• Solar Industry Research• Solar Water Heater Systems
1 P O I N T	My water heater is a heat pump type or tankless or high-efficiency gas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department of Energy recommends heat pump water heaters as the most cost effective type of heater.• Tankless water heaters use energy to heat water only when hot water is used, not to keep heating water in the tank in between uses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heat Pump Water Heaters• Best Tankless• Tankless Pros and Cons• Energy Star Water Heaters