

Putney Energy Committee

Dear Putney resident

We would like to introduce you to the Putney Energy Committee, a local group of volunteers committed to the goal of reducing energy consumption in Putney. We are one of several such groups around Vermont. We have been meeting since August to develop a variety of ways to achieve this goal. Would you like to be part of our effort?

So far we have come up with several initiatives:

- **Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL)**
One 14 watt CFL equals a 60 watt incandescent and produces that same amount of light. Although CFL bulbs are somewhat more expensive initially, they more than pay for themselves over their average 10,000 hour life and cost less in total replacement costs when compared to 6 to 10 incandescent bulbs. We have set a goal of replacing 1000 incandescent bulbs in Putney this fall 2006, and were already more than halfway there! You can now purchase an assortment of them right in Putney at the new Solar Store in the old firehouse building.
- **Reduce car engine idling**
If you drive a gasoline-powered car or truck you can substantially reduce energy and expenses if you don't allow your car to idle more than 10 seconds. Less pollution too!
- **Home or Business Energy Audit**
PEC members would be happy to discuss your energy issues, and make recommendations to help you save money. Dick Cartelli operates a company that performs energy audits.
- **Learn more about Efficiency Vermont and take advantage of its services**
This is a state organization, funded by a small fee on all our electric bills, which provides information, advice and funding for energy-saving practices to both homeowners and businesses. A staff person from EV would be happy to make a presentation to a group of local business-owners about the organization's services. If you would be interested in such a meeting, please call Claire Wilson, at 387-6635 or Steve Anderson at 387-5387 or e-mail sidehill@sover.net **Before Nov 1st 2006**
- **Volunteers from the PEC assembled this packet.** We welcome new members and public involvement. Please consider joining our group and or starting your own energy-saving campaign today!

If you would like more information about PEC please contact Daniel Hoviss 802 387 2521 or visit our web site at: <http://putney.net/energy>

Sincerely, PEC.