Renewable Energy Systems Overview



Company Background

- \perp Company started in 2005
- → Headquartered in Courtenay, BC
 - ∠ Serve Southwest British Columbia
- \bot LEED Accredited and C.E.M. Professionals













Conservation Vs. Generation





High Efficiency Washer 244 kWh/year \$1500 Top Load Washer 950 kWh/year \$500

Cost of solar system to generate 706 kWh/year = \$3000!





Does Solar Work in BC?



Average annual insolation in Vancouver is only 8% less than Miami

- A Germany has the second highest implementation rate of Solar Thermal and Solar Photovoltaic in the world
- ↓ In B.C. we can get 40-60% of our annual hot water needs from Solar

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Solar Thermal

- A technology for harnessing solar energy for heat
- ↓ Ideal as a preheating system for Domestic Hot Water
- Can be married with other renewable energy technologies



How Solar Collectors Work



Evacuated Tube Collector

Flat Plate Collector

How Solar Thermal Works



What Solar Thermal Looks Like





Self Assessment

- A Do You Have Room for a Solar Storage Tank?
- A Do You Have an Unobstructed South Facing Roof in Good Repair?
- Is There an Adequate "Chase" For the Solar Piping?
- A Does Your Household or Business Use Alot of Hot Water?



Reliability / Maintenance

- ↓ Typically Only One Moving Part
- $\bot\,$ Glycol Flush and Recharge
- ↓ 10 Year Warranties
- \bot Established Technology
- ↓ System Longevity



Photovoltaics (Solar PV)

- A technology used for creating electricity using sun's energy
- ↓ Grid Tie: Used to supplement electricity consumption
- A Off Grid: Used to charge a battery bank
- \bot Typically rack mounted



How Solar PV Works





Solar PV Grid Tie System



What Solar PV Looks Like







Self Assessment

- A Do You Know Your Annual Average Electricity Consumption?
- A Do You Have an Unobstructed South Facing Roof in Good Repair?
- A Do You Have Adequate Wall Space Available Near the Electrical Panel?
- → How Much Energy Do You Want to Offset?



Reliability / Maintenance

- \perp 25 Year Warranties
- \bot Module Cleaning
- \bot Resilient to Falling Debris
- ↓ System Longevity



Wind Turbines



- A technology used to create electricity using wind's energy
- ∠ Grid Tie: Used to supplement electricity consumption
- A Off Grid: Used to charge a battery bank
- \bot Typically tower mounted

How Wind Turbines Work





Wind Turbine Grid Tie System



What Wind Turbines Looks Like







Self Assessment

- ↓ Does Your Site Have Above Average Annual Wind Speeds?
- ↓ Is Your Site Free From Turbulent Winds Caused By Adjacent Obstacles?
- A Is Your Site Limited By Height, Zoning or Spatial Restrictions?
- How Much Energy Do You Want to Offset?



Reliability / Maintenance

- \perp Annual Visual Inspections
- \bot Bolt Tightening
- \perp 10 Year Warranties
- \bot Preventative Maintenance



Microhydro



- ↓ Technology to create electricity using energy of falling water
- ∠ Grid Tie: Used to supplement electricity consumption
- A Off Grid: Used to charge a battery bank

How Microhydro Turbines Work





Microhydro Grid Tie System



What Microhydro Looks Like





Self Assessment

- ↓ Do You Have an Appropriate Non-Fish Bearing Water Source?
- Is the Water Source Reliable and a Reasonable Distance From Your Home?
- A Have You Calculated the Flow or Head of the Potential Water Source?
- ↓ How Much Energy Do You Want to Offset?



Reliability / Maintenance

- \bot Regular Visual Inspections
- \bot Cleaning Intakes
- \perp 2 Year Warranties on Turbines
- \bot Preventative Maintenance



Geo-Exchange

- A technology that uses the earth's constant temperature to generate heat
- ✓ Makes use of a heat pump to get desired temperature
- Geo-Exchange systems can be used for space heating, space cooling, or domestic hot water production



Types of Loops



- \checkmark Open Loop
 - \perp Pond
 - \downarrow Well

- $\bot\,$ Closed Loop
 - \perp Vertical
 - \bot Horizontal
 - \bot Body of Water

How Geo-Exchange Works



Types of Heating Systems



- \perp Forced Air Heating
- \perp Hydronic
 - ↓ Low Heat: Radiant
- \perp Hydronic
 - High Heat: Radiators

Self Assessment

- A Do You Have a Large Open Area or Water Source?
- ↓ Do You Currently Have a Forced Air or Hydronic Heating System?
- A Do You Have Room in Your Mechanical Room for a Heat Pump and Associated Components?



Reliability / Maintenance

- \perp Typical warranties are 5 10 years
- $\bot\,$ Distribution and System Checks
- \bot Monitoring Options
- $\perp\,$ Heat Pumps Will Last 15 20 Years



Biomass

- Using organic material as a heating source
- For residential biomass systems this fuel source is typically logs, woodchips or wood pellets
- A Biomass systems can be used for space heating, domestic hot water production, or both.



Types of Heating Systems



- $\bot\,$ Biomass Forced Air Furnace
- $\bot\,$ Hydronic Biomass Boiler
- $\bot\,$ Biomass Stoves

Self Assessment

- ↓ Do You Currently Have a Forced Air or Hydronic Heating System?
- A Do You Have Room in Your Mechanical Room for a Wood Boiler and Associated Components?
- Are You Prepared for Labour and Maintenance Required to Own and Operate a Biomass Heating System?





- ↓ Clean Ash Box /Sweep Chimney
- \bot Source is only a good as supply
- Typical warranties are 5 -10 years
- \bot Distribution and System Checks



Why Use Renewables?

- ⊥ Long Term Energy Security
- \bot Home Rating Systems
- ↓ Non-polluting Clean Energy
- \bot GHG Reduction
- $\bot\,$ It's the Right Thing To Do



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