



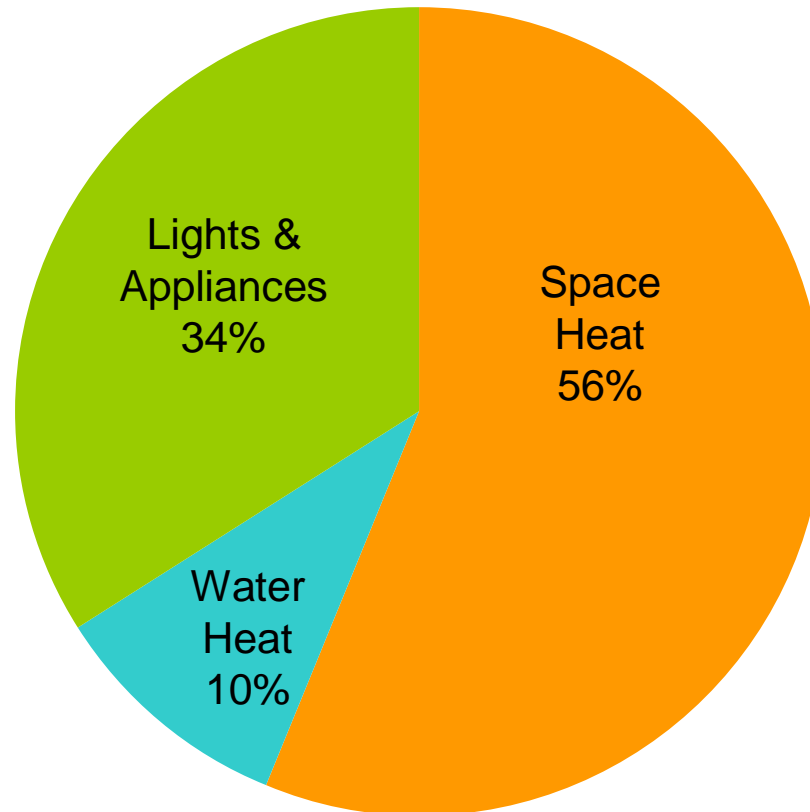
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# Energy in Average American Home

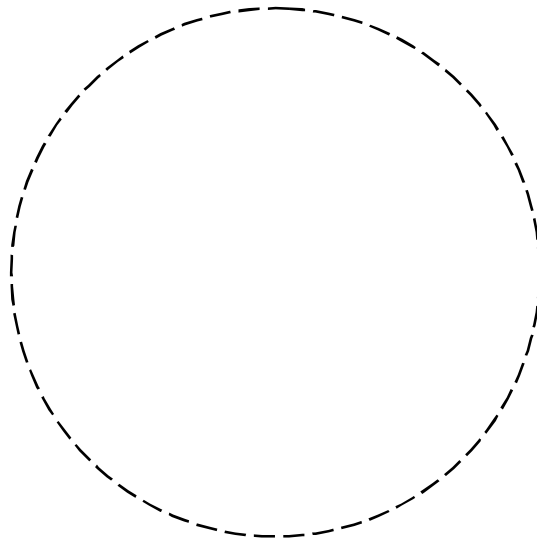


**2,000 sf using 27,000 kwh or 920 therms**

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# Getting to Net Zero





# Goal Net Zero, here today

A grid-tied home that  
combines energy efficiency and  
on-site renewable energy production  
to produce as much energy as it uses

Annual net metering  
No/low fossil fuel use



# What is your EUI?

Your utility bills converted to kbtu

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Square feet \* year

Compares buildings of different sizes



# Therms to kbtu

1 Therm = 100,000 btu

1 Therm = 100 kbtu



# kwh to kbtu

$$1 \text{ kwh} = 3.413 \text{ kbtu}$$



## Energy units are fully convertible

The average US household uses  
92,000,000 btu each year.

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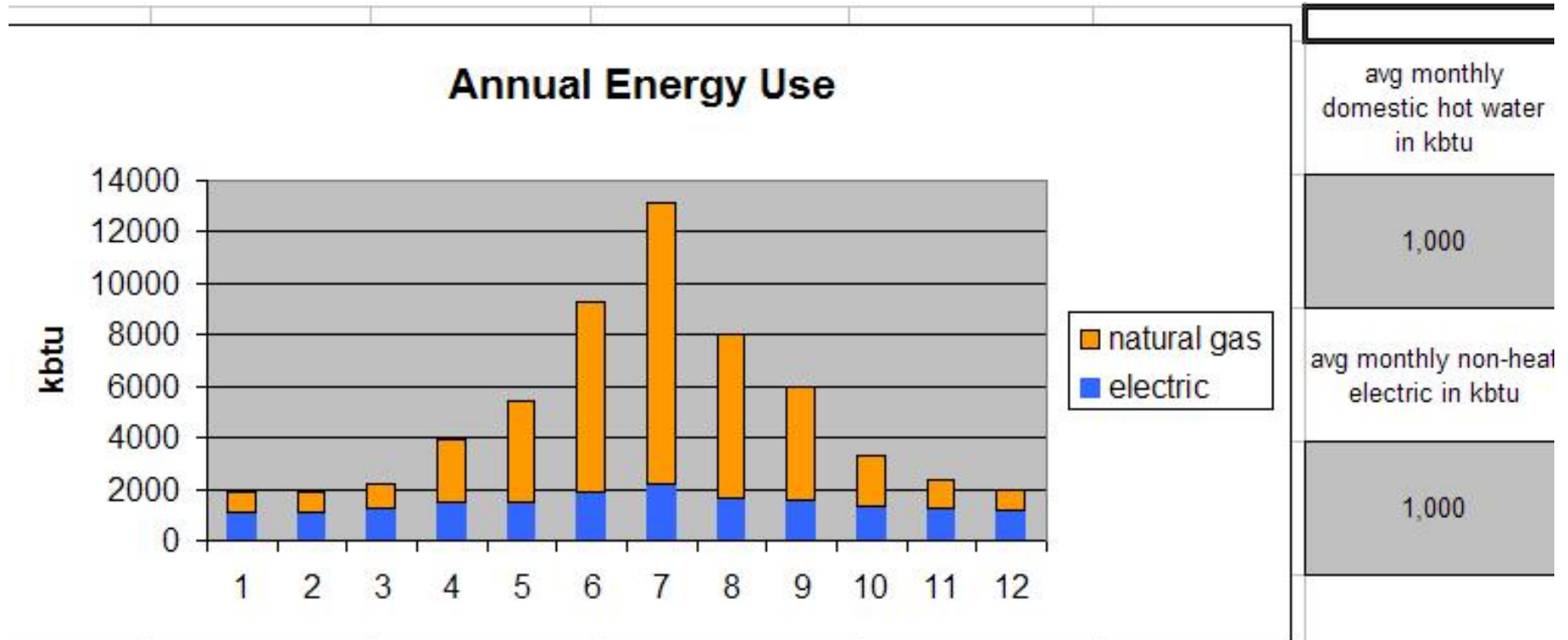
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Project:	Example Residence Portland, OR				
2	House area in square feet	1,800				
3	EUI kbtu/sf/yr	32.9				
4		Enter your utility kwh in this column	kwh converted to kbtu	Enter your utility therms in this column	therms converted to kbtu	total kbtu per month
5	July	300	1024	9	900	1924
6	August	310	1058	8	800	1858
7	September	345	1177	10	1000	2177
8	October	412	1406	25	2500	3906
9	November	410	1399	40	4000	5399
10	December	525	1792	75	7500	9292
11	January	620	2116	110	11000	13116
12	February	450	1536	65	6500	8036
13	March	435	1485	45	4500	5985
14	April	375	1280	20	2000	3280
15	May	340	1160	12	1200	2360
16	June	312	1065	9	900	1965
17						
18	Annual totals	4834		428		59298
19		kwh		therms		kbtu

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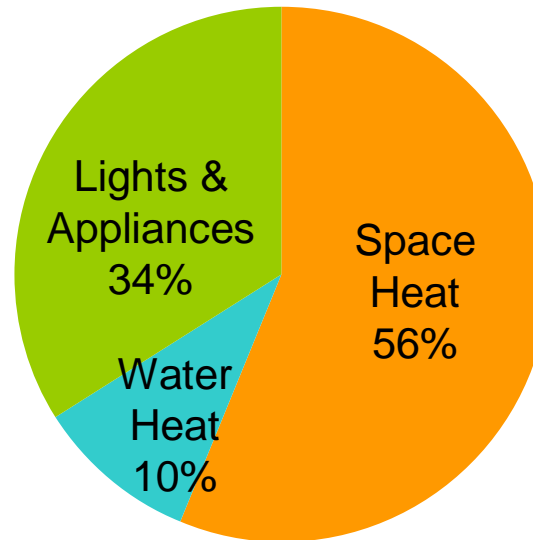
# Make your own energy pie







# Where we are now



US Average House 2000 sf

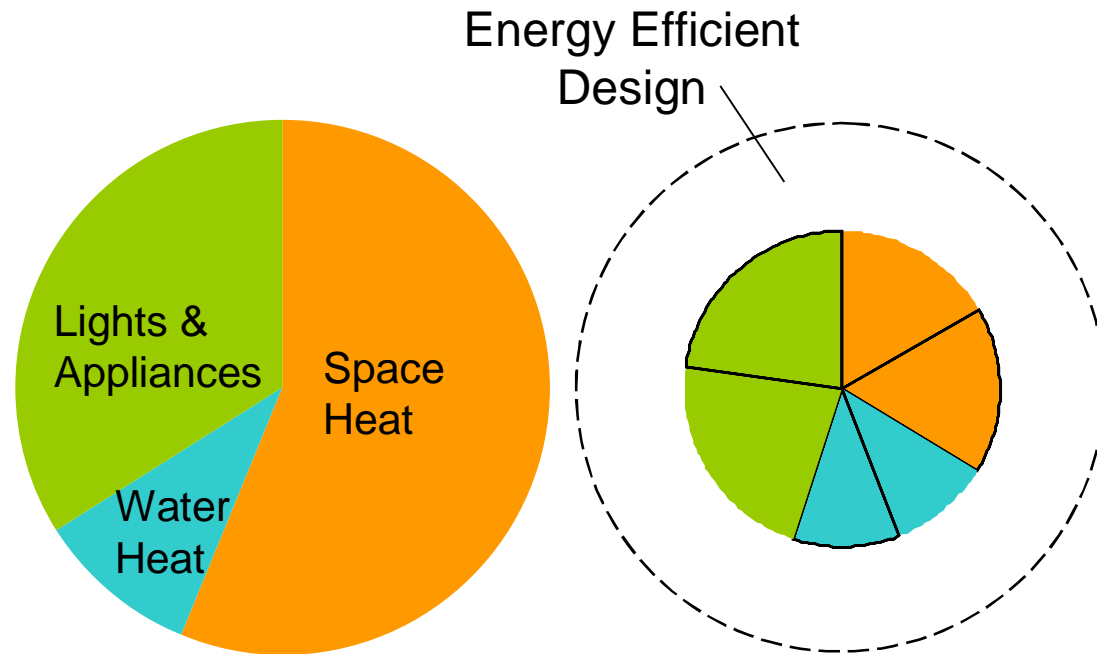
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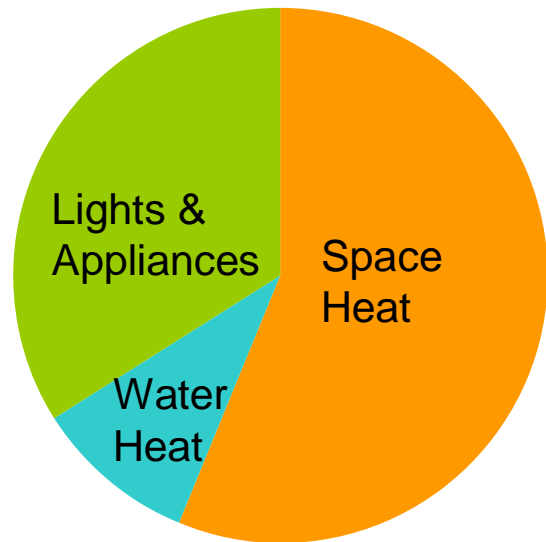
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= 440 therms

2,000 sf



# How big is this pie?



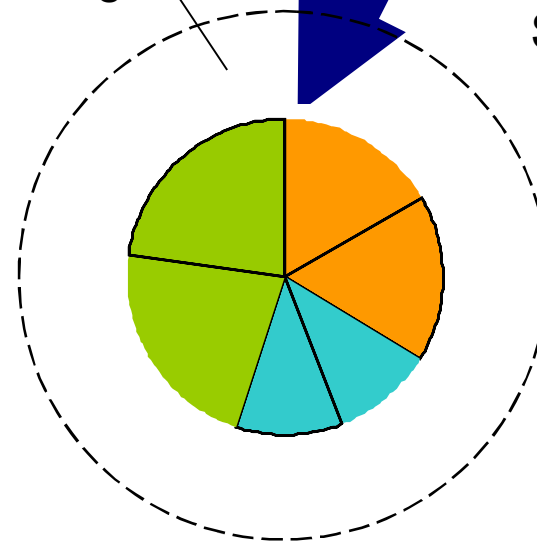
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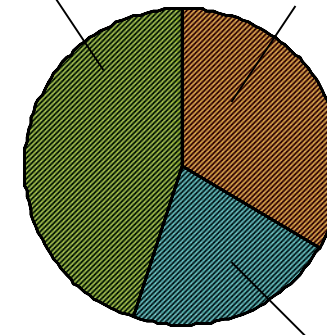
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Solar PV



Passive Solar & Biomass

Solar Hot Water

NZ

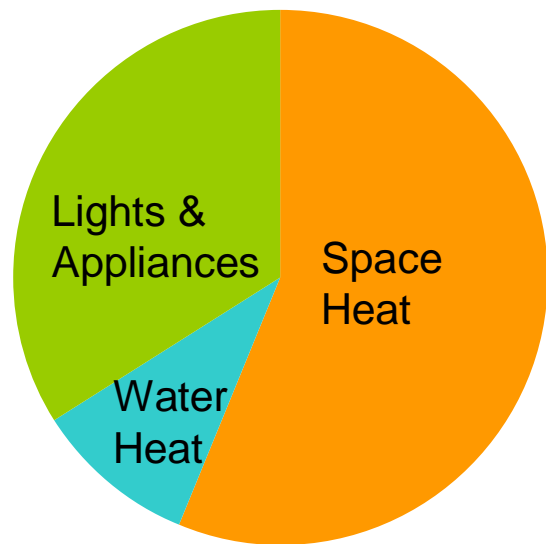
EE With Renewables

= 0 kwh

= 0 therms



# What are your site resources?



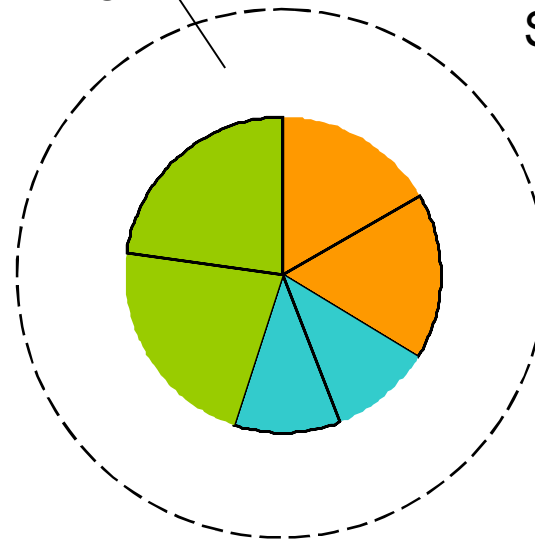
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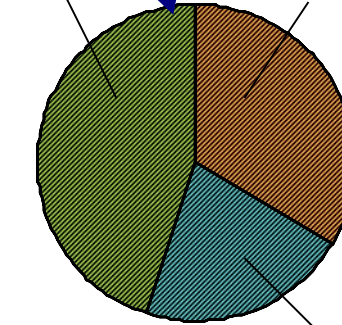
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# Basic Recipe

- Establish the sites renewable budget
- Orient to the sun
- Keep form simple & compact
- Design a high performance envelope
- Use energy efficient appliances & lights
- Match demand with renewables
- Integrate systems
- Model / Test / Verify



# Basic Recipe for Renovation

- Establish the sites renewable budget (usually a solar site analysis)
- Evaluate passive opportunity relative to building use & mass storage
- Analyze energy use history (utility bills)
- Test – blower door at least
- Develop a long range work plan
- Upgrade to energy efficient appliances & lights
- Develop a family plan for living sanely during construction

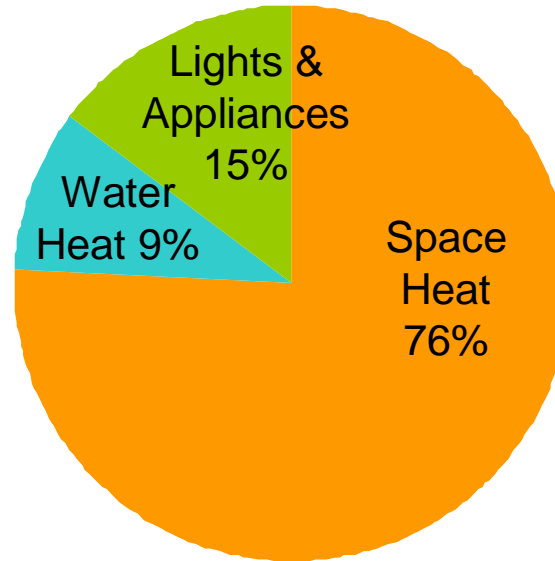


# Blower door testing





$$\text{CFM}_n \times 1.08 \times 24 \times 4500 = \text{btu/yr}$$



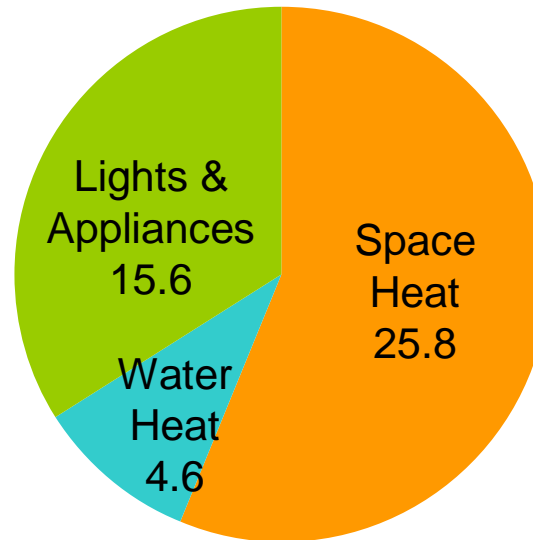
Kaplan Carty home: Blower door initially tested more than 6600  $\text{CFM}_{50}$

This calculates to 55% of space heat or 42% of their overall energy use.

$$\frac{6600}{20} \times 1.08 \times 24 \times \frac{4500}{1000} = 38,491 \text{ kbtu/yr}$$



# Comparing Passive House



Passive House  
Space Heating  
New: 4.75 kbtu/sf/yr  
Retrofit: 11.1 kbtu/sf/yr

US Average House 2000 sf  
= 46 kbtu/sf/yr

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