

Frisco Business Leader **CLEANTRACKS**

Steps For A Sustainable Future.



Gatherhouse Glassblowing

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*In 2011, Gatherhouse improved building insulation and air sealing.
How did they do it?*

DIY Energy Upgrades

Gatherhouse's John and Kate Hudnut received a comprehensive energy audit from Xcel Energy, which analyzed exactly where they were using and wasting energy while identifying recommended improvements.

In many cases comprehensive audits can point out low or no-cost options for energy savings. Gatherhouse found that they could accomplish some of the suggested improvements on their own with a few insulation and air sealing materials provided by the Frisco Clean Tracks Program. Gatherhouse added rigid foam insulation to high temperature kilns that were wasting heat. They also used rigid foam to add a temporary block off a 25 by 25 inch air vent that let in cold air when not in use.

Low cost solutions can save businesses hundreds of dollars a year. Examples of no-cost solutions recommended by energy auditors include: installation of motion sensors for lighting, smart strips for electronic devices, and simple changes to snow-removal equipment.

