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*Bend Public Library's "Food for Thought" Presents*

**Making Your Home More Energy Efficient**

Brooks Room, Bend Public Library

Thursday, October 9, 2008

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

September 18, 2008

How are you preparing to combat rising utility costs this winter? Join us at Bend Public Library on Thursday evening, October 9<sup>th</sup> when Chad Grogan from the Energy Trust of Oregon and Robert Hamerly, of Green Savers, a local firm specializing in improving building energy efficiency, will share energy-saving tips for the home and discuss cost-effective upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient and reduce your carbon footprint.

According to a recent article in the *Oregonian*, Cascade Natural Gas customers in Central Oregon can expect a rate increase of about 11% this coming winter. "By making simple upgrades to their homes, not only will owners' investments become more valuable year by year as energy prices increase, but they will be more comfortable and healthier because of the 'build tight, ventilate right' approach," say Robert Hamerly, president of Green Savers. Mr. Grogan will discuss the financial incentives offered by the Energy Trust and the State of Oregon for homeowners who make their homes more energy efficient either by building or upgrading to ENERGY STAR standards or by installing ENERGY STAR appliances and lighting. The Energy Trust of Oregon is an industry nonprofit organization funded by Oregon utilities customers through their utility bills, and mandated under state law with promoting energy efficiency and increasing use of renewable energy resources in Oregon.

Both speakers will also share energy saving strategies and tips that anyone can implement, starting today, regardless of budget.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information about this and other *Food for Thought* programs, please call 617-7080, or visit us online at [www.dpls.us](http://www.dpls.us).

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