

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Increase Your Curb Appeal And Lower Your Energy Bills

(NAPS)—Homeowners remodel to increase their curb appeal, lower their energy bills and, equally importantly, to enjoy their home more.

Joan and Terry Riffel loved the Highland, Illinois area where they lived, but they just didn't like the look of their home. All it took was a visit to their daughter's home in Phoenix, Arizona to learn what they wanted their Illinois home to look like.

"Here we were, in a house in the woods, and every time we got back from Arizona we just kept saying to each other: 'We love our home, but it just didn't have that look we always wanted,'" said Joan Riffel, owner of a former country-style cedar home, nestled deep in the quiet woods of southern Illinois.

The couple turned to local architect Jeannie Brendel, who designed a beautiful southwestern-style home that impressed their neighbors as much as it satisfied their need for a new, fresh look to add value to their home. The transformation from a dark cedar-sided home to the bright, monolithic Dryvit® EIF system with its classic and elegant lines was extraordinary enough.

But there was a secondary benefit to the remodeling that surprised even the Riffels.

Lower Heating and Cooling Costs

Armed with a few years of heating and cooling cost data after the completed remodeling project, the energy efficiency benefits of the system became clear. The remodeling did not add or subtract windows and did not change



A remodeling system that achieves stone-like finishes has also been shown to reduce heating and cooling costs.

the footprint of the house.

"Frankly, we remodeled only because we wanted a newer look for our home based on what we enjoyed from our visits to Arizona," said Terry Riffel. "We did not anticipate the savings we enjoyed in heating and cooling the house, but I can tell you we are very pleased with it."

After studying their heating and cooling costs for the three years prior to the remodeling project and the three years after, the Riffels discovered they saved an average of 20 percent on their heating and cooling costs. With today's energy prices, their yearly savings are significant.

Multiple Design Options

You can choose almost any texture to finish your home—everything from brick to limestone to granite to aged Italian plaster and numerous stucco and stone-like finishes. For more information, visit www.DryvitHomes.com.