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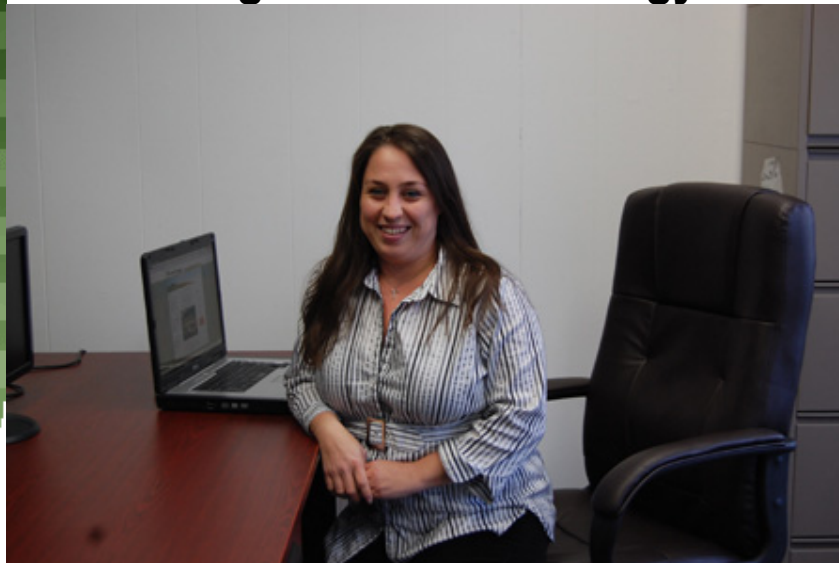
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Get a little greener with Renergy Inc.



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Heather Duro (above) and her husband Pete created Renergy Inc. to supply designs, consulting and installation of solar energy systems. With a recent move from Buena Vista Twp., Renergy Inc. is now located at 10 Central Avenue in Hammonton.

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Hammonton is getting a little greener with the addition of Renergy Inc. With a move from Buena Vista Township to 10 Central Ave in Hammonton, Renergy hopes to equip Hammonton and the surrounding communities with solar energy systems, helping property owners save money on electric bills while helping the environment.

Renergy supplies design, consulting and installation of solar energy systems for residential and commercial property owners. Owners Heather and Pete Duro started Renergy in 2007 when they realized the benefits of solar paneling. Both have been working in renewable energy since 2002.

"I believe that the best way to increase knowledge and understanding of solar power and the benefits of solar power is to be a visible force within the community," Heather Duro said.

While solar paneling has been around for decades, some may have negative concepts of it due to the cost of converting a home or business. The individuals at Renergy however, argue that the transition has never been more affordable. In fact, it can even be profitable when the money saved on each month's electric bill is taken into account.

According to the Duros, more and more people are becoming aware of these financial benefits. In many cases, solar power can greatly lower electric bills and create a revenue stream for the house by selling green tags. Coupled with the new federal tax incentive and rebates, all of these factors can bring a five to seven year payback for the investment of a solar system, according to the Duros. Even the selling value of a home increases, roughly \$20,000 for every \$1,000 in savings from a solar system, according to the Chicago Appraisal Institute. A five to seven year payback is positive news, but not if the system will only last a few years beyond that timeline. Fortunately, Renergy uses today's most advanced solar energy systems, making them extremely durable and able to sustain 30 to 40 years of use.

"Our goals as a company are simple...to provide the most cost effective and efficient product to our customers," Heather Duro said.

For large, non-residential property owners, Renergy also supplies financing for those who want to convert to solar energy but don't have the money up front.

In addition to the many financial benefits, converting to a renewable resource is a great way to help the environment. According to Renergy, a typical 5 kilowatt system on a home is equal to planting 30 acres of trees, not driving 237,000 miles or removing almost 165,000 lbs. of CO2 from the atmosphere.

When asked about the eco-conscious times we are entering, Heather Duro said she feels that it's great to see people gaining more individual awareness of the impact they each have on the planet.

"If everyone can make a small change in their lifestyle by carpooling, recycling, or using alternative fuels and renewable energy such as solar, the environmental impact would be great," she said.

From their new location they are very excited to see the impact they will have on the community. "We want our clients to not only see an impact on their electric bills but to realize the greater impact it will have on our environment as well. The word will spread and all will be the better for it," Heather Duro said.

Renergy Inc. is located on 10 Central Ave in Hammonton. For more information, call 270-5510 or visit the company online at www.renergyinc.com.

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