

Energy Efficiency Services Free Duct Testing Program

Clark County Building Safety has started a heating duct testing program with funding they received from a Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

The Duct and Home Performance Inspection is free to home owners in unincorporated Clark County. An energy efficiency inspector will come to your home and hook up a duct blaster and a blower door to pressurize you heating duct system and house to test the duct leakage and house leakage rate.

Ducts often lose 10% to 30% of the heated air that is produced by a furnace or heat pump. A 30% percent leakage rate with a new 80% efficient furnace turns that furnace into a 50% efficient furnace, a big money loser month after month.

After testing and inspecting your house, furnace and duct system the inspector will review the test results with you, if your ducts or house need repair or air sealing he will provide you with a list of approved contractors that perform the needed repairs and give you a list of local utilities incentives plans that give rebates for various energy savings investments. If your house has leaky ducts and a contractor repairs it you will receive a \$100 rebate from Clark County to help offset the cost of repair. Local utilities offer rebates for duct repair as well. Combining rebates can cut the cost of repair significantly often in half.

For more information or to see if your home qualifies call Steve Alexander at (360) 397-2375 ext. 4752 or visit www.planetclark.com