



# Singlebode is small but convenient

The 1,148-square-foot Singlebode is an economical house with a floor plan perfectly suited for the needs of empty nesters wishing to downsize, or for a young family searching for their first home.

The attached garage conveniently opens directly into the kitchen. This allows you, regardless of the weather, to unload groceries with a minimum of bother. There is space in the garage to put a washer and dryer.

The kitchen has lots of room for the cook to maneuver while preparing meals. Amenities include walk-in pantry, dishwasher, range and oven. An eating bar is handy for those informal times.

The spacious living room flows unobstructed into the dining area. This creates a roominess that belies the square footage. The dining room has a sliding glass door to the back patio. There is enough room here to relax in the sun with a barbecue and some lounge chairs.

The master suite extends out from the left with a view window to the front. The amenities here include a large sleeping area and a walk-in closet. The bathroom on the first floor conveniently services both the master bedroom and the living room.

Two bedrooms occupy the second floor, each having sufficient closet space. The share a corner bathroom fitted with linen storage.

For a study kit of the Singlebode (405-30) and \$10 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307-0E48, Eugene, OR 97402 (Be sure to specify plan name and number). For a collection of plan books featuring our most popular home plans, send \$20 to Landmark, or call 1-800-562-1151.

# A home's energy efficiency is part of its price – and its worth

While size, livability and location are all important factors when looking for a home, don't overlook what it costs to heat and cool.

Simply put, the more energy efficient it is, the more you'll be able to afford in mortgage payments.

Four basic areas of energy efficiency you should examine include:

- Optimum amounts of insulation, caulking and weatherstripping.
- Energy efficient windows and doors.
- A high-efficiency heating and cooling system.
- Energy efficient lighting and appliances.

Today, a properly insulated home not only helps you save on your fuel bills, it can help to improve indoor comfort.

Many experts recommend that quality insulation such as CertainTeed Building Insulation or InsulSafe III Blown-In Fiber Glass should be installed to today's recommended R-values in the attic and side-

walls. Insulation around the water heater, pipes and installed in the within and around floors, garages and crawlspaces and In the area of windows and doors, look for energy-efficient models like low-e double paneled windows, which provide three times the efficiency of single pane glass for added energy savings.

Perhaps most important in terms of your annual energy bills, is your central heating and cooling system. Have a professional evaluate or test the system. In addition, look for oil and gas furnace modifications such as higher efficiency burners and automatic electronic thermostats.

Lastly, but still important are the lighting and appliances in a home. Perhaps the best way to evaluate the efficiency of major appliances, such as dishwashers, water-

heaters and furnaces, is to look for the bright ENERGY GUIDE label to help you determine the annual operating costs.

In the area of lighting, remember that a 40-watt fluorescent bulb gives off more light than a 100-watt incandescent bulb at half the energy costs.

**Free Energy Guide**

An informative Energy Checklist for Buying and Selling is available free from the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or by calling 1-800-782-8777. You can also see the checklist on the Internet at <http://www.certain-teed.com>

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Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors should help you reduce the cost of air-conditioning:

- Set your thermostat at the highest comfort level. Each degree you raise your thermostat reduces cooling energy consumption three percent.

- Keep shades and draperies drawn on the sunny side of the house.

- Change your air conditioner's air filter frequently. Dirt and dust in the filter can cut down substantially on your equipment's efficiency.

- Keep air circulation registers clear of furniture and draperies which cut down on the flow of air through the room.

- Clear overgrown shrubs and high grasses from your outside condensing unit so that nothing interferes with proper air circulation.

- Regularly inspect and service your air conditioner to keep it running efficiently. NAPHCC recommends a service checkup each spring before you turn on your equipment.

Air-conditioning provides a great summertime comfort for a home. For a free brochure on how to hire a professional plumbing-heating-cooling contractor, write to the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, Dept. NAPS, P.O. Box 6908, Falls Church, Virginia 22040; or call 1-800-533-7694.

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