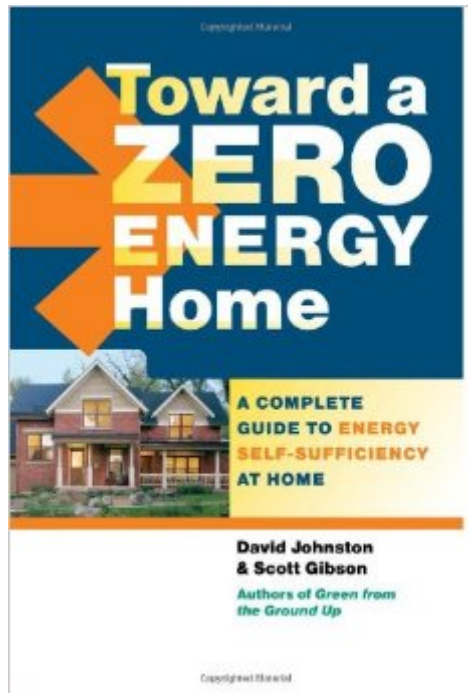


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# Toward A Zero Energy Home: A Complete Guide To Energy Self-Sufficiency At Home



## Synopsis

A Zero Energy Home (ZEH) â “ a home that produces as much energy as it consumes â “ is an idea whose time has come! Authors David Johnston and Scott Gibson (Green from the Ground Up) explore the design and construction of self-sufficient houses from start to finish. They make the case for a ZEH; cite climate and geographic challenges; describe exactly how to go about building an energy-efficient home; and feature ten houses that were built for zero energy living. With unequaled knowledge and a passion for the subject, the authors walk readers through the process of building and living in a truly green home.

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## Customer Reviews

I think "Toward a Zero Energy Home" provides a good overview of what is going on in the technology side of building. I like the fact that a variety of opinions are presented for the reader on different methods working toward the same goal of building a technically smart, energy efficient living space. Anyone interested in this subject will find numerous other books that should be read as well for a more complete understanding of the topic. This volume, in my opinion, holds its own as one of the books that will contribute to that knowledge and is a worthwhile read.

While there is nothing inherently wrong with the book (I'm sure it will be exactly what some buyers want) it simply didn't meet my needs. I felt like I was reading a bunch of articles from myÂ Fine HomebuildingÂ magazine (BTW, great magazine). That is, it covered all sorts of areas, but none of

them in enough detail for my liking. In that sense, it is a complete "Guide" to energy self-sufficiency at home.

An excellent book to read before designing your own home. In fact, before designing your own home, you should probably read 5 or 6 books at least, but I believe this should be the first one you read. It has practical advice on how to save on utilities bills and making a very healthy home. Although it applies for an eco-view of things, it is not focused on the "tree huggers" crowd. Be ecological as a bonus for saving money. Great advice in what to aim for and what to avoid.

This is the best resource I've come across. I'm in the process of completely gutting and remodeling a house, and I want to do everything as energy efficiently as possible. Unfortunately, I wish the photos and the designs of the houses in this book were a little more inspiring and innovative, but I think this represents the state of the art at the moment. The overall tone is a bit more cautious than I'd prefer, but there is lots of good information and good ideas so that conceptually I can perfect my own designs and innovations based on what's here.

David Johnston and Scott Gibson's TOWARD A ZERO ENERGY HOME provides a key to creating a home that produces as much energy as it consumes. Design and construction of energy-efficient homes focuses on new construction and 12 houses specially built for zero energy living: it's a pick for any homeowner's library - particularly those featuring new construction options - will want.

This book has been a great help in being the smartest guy in the room with my architect and builder, who didn't have much experience on zero energy homes. Lots of great examples, and pointers to deeper reference materials. As a result, we are building our home to be Energy Star rated, and I was able to drive a lot of what we wanted in the design from what I read in this book.

This book might be a good reference for someone who is starting from scratch, but I found it to be a rehash of existing technology. Nothing new in this book.

I have finished this and am now reading his book, "Green Remodeling." It is currently part of my studies, green building and sustainable communities, and David Johnston's books have been gold mines for me.

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