



Sunrooms and sunroom areas are nurturing areas for both plants and people as shown in the Lindal Sunrooms model.

### Storing flammables

According to the national fire incident reporting system, a majority of residential fires and fire-related injuries results from improperly stored flammables such as gasoline. Frequently, it's the vapors and not the liquid that lead to a disastrous fire or explosion. Children are especially vulnerable due to their lack of understanding of the hazards of flammables. Gasoline, for example, is a motor fuel — not a cleaning product. Flammables should not be stored near an ignition source such as a water heater, stove or furnace. Store flammables on a high shelf out of the reach of little ones and in a detached garage or shed, if possible. Use only UL-approved containers for gasoline storage. And, never store gasoline in a plastic water jug.

### Save your energy

To save money on your energy bills, the first step is figuring out where your dollars are going. Energyguide.com's home energy audit is one way to find out. It can't give exact information for your home, but it can give you estimates, pinpoint trouble spots and offer ideas for cutting energy use and saving money. The site lets you choose between a quick analysis and a more in-depth audit that looks at your heating and cooling systems; your laundry, food storage and cooking choices and habits; your home's lighting; etc. The analysis gives suggestions for ways you can save, including some that cost a little and others that require some expense. You get estimated costs for the big improvements and projected annual savings to weigh the two and decide whether the changes are worth making.

### Outdoor living

Who wants to hang out in their dusty, bug-ridden garage? No one, according to Garage Door Screens, which is why they developed Fresh Air Screens. The company says the screens transform garages into more livable spaces and allows users to benefit from fresh air and sunlight without pests. The screen installs with a hook and loop material and has zippers, which enable entry without unhooking it. It rolls up when not in use and can remain installed. Fresh Air Screens are available in regular and custom garage-door sizes. Prices begin at \$89 for a 6-by-7-foot screen. Purchase and other information can be found at [www.garage-doorscreens.com](http://www.garage-doorscreens.com).

### Cool oven

Now there's an oven that keeps the food cool until it's time to bake. Whirlpool Home Appliances' Polara range has an oven cavity that doubles as a refrigerator. A timer controls the functions, so users can prepare meals up to a day in advance and have them kept fresh throughout the day and ready to eat at a designated time. The oven even takes care of things if you're not home in time. It automatically kicks into a warming period for up to an hour after the baking time ends, then back to refrigeration mode for up to 24 hours. No customized installation is required, the company said. Suggested retail prices for the 30-inch range are \$1,799 for white, black and biscuit-colored units and \$1,899 for stainless steel. It is first being sold by Sears but should be available at other appliance retailers soon.

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