

NEW PRODUCTS THAT look good, work hard **AND** save energy

You can see the difference

Although the latest lineup of Apple MacBook Pro laptop computers promises faster speeds and improved memory, the big news is the

pair of smaller-screen models:

They include the industry's first mercury-free, LED-backlit 15-inch displays. Computers with LCD-style fluorescent displays use mercury

to brighten the screens, which can cause environmental problems when it's time to dispose of them.

The 15-inch MacBook Pro laptops are more power-efficient as well, offering an extended battery life of up to an hour over previous models. In addition, the 2.2GHz unit includes an Intel Core 2 Duo microprocessor, built-in iSight camera, 8x SuperDrive, 802.11n wireless networking and a 120GB hard drive; suggested retail is \$1,999. A 2.4GHz version with a 160GB hard drive and other upgrades sells for \$2,499.

For more information, go to www.apple.com or visit the Apple Store at Jordan Creek Town Center in West Des Moines.

Which school is cooler?

We won't even try to answer that question, because the most important attributes of the York Affinity 8T Series Air Conditioners

and Heat Pumps are hidden inside. The air conditioner's QuietDrive system – a high-efficiency compressor, isolated compressor compartment, swept-wing fan design and composite base pan – is up to four times quieter than a conventional unit, and its two-stage compressor operates at a very high efficiency of up to 18 SEER. The heat pump offers similar compressor features and is rated at 9.4 HSPF; it also includes the company's Hot Heat Pump Technology to deliver warm air (and eliminate cold drafts) when the system starts.

On the outside, you can choose customized condensing-unit panels featuring any one of 77 colleges and universities, including Iowa and ISU. However, if you're a UNI fan (or you just want to add a little style to your home's exterior), you can choose from seven panel colors: champagne (which is standard), terra cotta, jet black, stone, Bermuda, chocolate or gunmetal.

For more specifications, a look at all the available custom logos and colors and the name of a dealer near you, visit www.yorkupg.com or call 800-910-YORK.

Get more flow for less dough

By using ceiling fans and setting your air-conditioning thermostat to a higher temperature, you can save as much as 40 percent on your summer cooling bills. The Model 503285 Hampton Bay Covington Gunmetal Ceiling Fan from Home Depot is ENERGY



STAR® qualified and features an AeroBreeze 54-inch blade system that moves up to 25 percent more air than a standard fan for increased comfort and lower energy consumption. It also includes a thermostatic remote control so you can adjust the fan speed to your desired comfort level, as well as an energy-saving fluorescent light rated to last more than 8,000 hours. The suggested retail price of the unit is \$169.

To locate the Home Depot store closest to you, go to www.homedepot.com or call 800-430-3376.



Photo: Apple



Super sprayer conquers crud

You can forget scouring and scrubbing dishes before you load them into this Whirlpool Gold Built-in Tall-Tub Dishwasher. It has a PowerScrub option with 36 targeted spray jets to deep-clean your dirtiest dishes without using any extra water. The unit's super-capacity stainless steel interior is one of the largest in the industry, and it holds up to 14 five-piece place settings. An extra-quiet horizontal motor ensures the unit will fit in a standard under-counter space, and an adaptive wash setting uses dual sensor technology to automatically select the appropriate cleaning level and the time required for the most economical cleaning cycle.

On the outside, the formed door styling and concealed electronic controls add a touch of sophistication. The Model GU3600XTS is ENERGY STAR qualified and is available in a black or white finish for about \$749; a monochromatic stainless steel version is about \$100 more.

For a complete list of product features, go to www.whirlpool.com or call 866-698-2538.



This cover-up is a good thing

Originally designed as a clever way to replace recessed lighting fixtures, Instant Pendant Lights from Worth Home Products offer an important energy-saving component as well – sealing air leaks that are prevalent around older and non-insulated recessed “can” lights.

The pendants are U.L. listed and install almost as easily as replacing a lightbulb; you don't even need to remove the original fixtures. All you do is (1) remove the bulb from the existing recessed fixture; (2) screw in the adjustable cord spindle; (3) install the canopy that covers the recessed fixture; and (4) adjust the cord length, and attach the new light shade.

Several shade styles and colors using candelabra base bulbs (including compact fluorescent lightbulbs) are available from the manufacturer and at select Target stores. Other designs, including a standard-base shop light in a satin nickel finish, are sold as part of the Portfolio brand at Lowe's stores as Recessed Light Conversion Kits. Prices start at about \$40.

For details on the latest styles or to order online, go to www.worthhomeproducts.com or call 713-660-0025.



Before



After