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Building-science guidance for Central Illinois homes

Year-End Recon

A whole-house review that turns this year's observations into next year's plan.

/ WHY THIS MONTH?

December is recon for next year. Real observations and real bills turn next year's improvements into evidence-based decisions instead of guesses.

/ THE HOMEOWNER'S MISSION

- Compare energy bills month-over-month against the same month last year.
- Write down the year's comfort problems room by room. Keep a simple mission log.
- Test CO and smoke alarms before holiday cooking and guests.
- Keep some ventilation going when the house is full of people.

/ WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Bills trending up versus the same month last year
- The same rooms showing up in your notes again and again
- Condensation on windows when the house is full of people

/ WHY IT MATTERS

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/ WHEN TO CALL GREEN PLATOON

It makes sense to get real data when:

- When you're ready to plan next year's projects

Your assessment results give you a prioritized roadmap of what deserves attention first and what can wait.

QUICK WIN

Write down the three most annoying comfort problems of the year and keep the list for your next assessment. 10 minutes.

Home Missions is educational guidance. Never attempt work involving fuel gas, combustion equipment, dangerous electrical conditions, roofs, or hazardous materials.

