

Recycled newspapers insulate super-energy efficient home

An innovative, energy efficient Edmonton Riverdale duplex completed last year uses wall insulation made from the newspapers you put out for recycling.

The Net-Zero-Energy project, which collects as much energy from the sun as it consumes, uses cellulose insulation from local company Can-Cell Industries, explains Peter Amerongen, president of Habitat Studio & Workshop, which designed and built the house.

"It's a very practical way of insulating," he says. "It fills all the little nooks and crannies better than fibreglass. They blow it in and it gets into all the gaps.

"We're attracted to the fact that it's recycled newspaper, made right here in Edmonton, and it's really ideal for our thick walls."



Edmonton's 'Net-Zero' energy-efficient home in Riverdale, perhaps 'home' to your recycled newspaper.