

**9. What do you like best about your sun-inspired home? (all 43 unedited responses from survey taken summer 2011)**

So much to love! I love the clean smell, the homey feel, the efficient floor plan and how well the passive solar design "works".

The incredible use of space and the sun the sun the sun.

Very comfortable, low energy requirements, great view. It is like living in a tree house with the big windows.

Low electric bills. We use a wood burning insert and have a geothermal heat pump. We don't turn our heat on until Dec 1. and our goal is to not turn the AC on until July 1 but this year has been awful and it came on on June 7. We also framed the basement as in the plans and finished half of it last year and love the "game room".

Everything, but especially low energy costs, openness, light, convenience.

The rooms are light and airy. There is no room where we feel shut in. Nature is all around us.

SO MANY THINGS! The low energy costs. The unique look and feel. The sun that comes in and brightens the home.

The efficient design, all the light and airflow of the floor plan.

Cool in the summer and warm in the winter. House is open and airy.

Light, energy savings

Warm in winter...cool in summer.

The windows, and natural light. The views from very room. We have only been in the home a couple weeks, so hard to comment on a lot else yet.

Comfortable

Not yet living in it, but get good breezes while working in it

The gorgeous sunlight; open plan for relaxed living; view of our pond-----and significantly reduced energy bills.

The sunshine!! It is very energy efficient and comfortable. We are extremely pleased.

Folks tell us that the house reflects us in the way we live in so many ways. The house has been low maintenance and energy saving.

The toasty warmth on sunny winter days.

Exterior looks, open floor plan, tile floor

Thermal mass and constant comfort

The design and the energy efficiency.

The amount of natural light and the economical heating due to solar gain in winter months.

It's easy to maintain a constantly comfortable temperature



It is a state-of-the-art, super-insulated, passive- and active-solar, toxic-free and earth-, people- and pet-friendly habitat.

The warmth, light (the passive solar aspects), affordability. Well thought out design of a lot of details.

Everything but especially the amount of light that comes in through the windows. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think how thankful I am for our beautiful home

Not living there yet...love the way it is shaping up however!

Sturdiness of ICF walls and concrete floors.

It's so well lit and of course the energy efficiency is amazing. Very low heating and cooling costs.

Eight-inch exterior walls with extra insulation (with ERV system).

Well, we did ICF so that. The windows for views.

It is beautiful and fits in with the rest of the property very well.

Warm, bright and sunny, open concept

Efficiency. Warm in the winter, cool in the summer. Lots of light through windows and skylights. Very comfortable, even when the outside temperature is minus 20 F.

The light and openness

The amount of sunlight in the rooms. The lower heating bills are great but the feeling from the light and not having to use lights is hard to describe.

The energy efficiency and large window area

Open floor plan, atrium. Everything!! Orientation was perfect, east side of house faces lake.

Southern expanse of windows allows for views outside & watching the shadows cross the room during the day - master bedroom on main floor - deck & screened porch - tile & wood floors (no carpet) - woodstove  
So much light inside!!! Enough that we didn't feel Sun deprived after looong Chicago winter

So bright. Air flow through windows/doors. Lots of roof-covered patio space.

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Amazing views with all of our windows, love the passive solar elements.

