

Energy Efficiency

Ways for you to **SAVE** money!!



Heating

- ♦ Inspect furnace filters monthly and replace when they're dirty.
- ♦ Install a programmable thermostat; lower the heat setting and raise the AC setting when no one is home.
- ♦ In winter, set your thermostat to 68 degrees when the home is occupied and down to 55 degrees at night.
- ♦ Close off heating to rooms you don't use during the winter.
- ♦ When it is time to replace a furnace, select a high-efficiency furnace or heat pump. or investigate installing a geothermal unit. While geothermal systems usually cost more up front, they save energy and money over the life of the unit.



Appliances

- ♦ When replacing an appliance, look for the energy efficiency rating.
- ♦ Only open refrigerator and freezer doors when necessary.
- ♦ Think twice about keeping and using an old refrigerator, it can use up to twice the amount of energy as a modern one.

Lighting

- ♦ Replace your light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, they last up to ten times longer.
- ♦ Turn off lights that aren't being used!

Air Conditioning

- ♦ Install ceiling fans. they move air and make you more comfortable so you use air conditioning less.
- ♦ Plant trees near your home so you will have shade. Never plant under electric lines.
- ♦ Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher when you are home. this helps decrease your energy costs and save energy too.

Outdoors

- ♦ Use motion sensor and photocell lighting outdoors. You will have security and light when needed without having to remember to turn off the lights.
- ♦ Install awnings and shades on windows facing the south and west to block sun in the summer; remove them in the winter to let the heat in.



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Windows

- ◆ Inspect caulking around windows and re-caulk windows as needed.
- ◆ Close insulated drapes during the daytime in the summer to keep out the heat. In the winter, close insulated drapes at night to keep in the heat.
- ◆ When it is time to replace windows, look for energy efficient ones with double panes.



Weather Proofing

- ◆ Use weather stripping around windows and doors to stop drafts.

Cooking

- ◆ Plan meals so you're cooking several dishes simultaneously in the oven, rather than just one item.
- ◆ Use the barbeque grill during the summer to help keep the heat of cooking out of the house.



Water Heating

- ◆ Repair leaky faucets, they waste water and energy.
- ◆ Set your water heater to 120 degrees, or 140 degrees if you have a dishwasher.
- ◆ Install low-flow shower heads, It will reduce your water consumption and the amount of energy needed to heat the water.

Laundry

- ◆ Wash only full loads of laundry, partial loads waste energy and water.
- ◆ Use cold water whenever possible.
- ◆ Line dry clothes when possible.

