

Everyday Energy Conservation Tips

No-Cost Tips To Save 10-25% on Your Energy Bill

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use. Don't forget your computer, TV systems and other electronics.
- In the cold months, set the thermostat to 68° when home, and then back to 55-68° when unoccupied.
- In the winter, open window coverings on the sunny side of your home to take advantage of free heat from the sun. Close the coverings on cloudy days or right after the sun sets.
- In warm months, set the thermostat to 78-80° when home and 5-10° warmer at night or when you're not home.
- In the cooling season, close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.
- Wash clothes in cold water and air dry on a rack instead of using a dryer.
- Set your water heater to 120°.
- Vacuum your refrigerator coils, underneath and in the back. They need air space to work.
- Close foundation vents in the winter months.

Low-Cost Tips To Save another 10-25% on Your Energy Bill

- Use compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) or LEDs instead of incandescent ones. This will typically save \$1/month per bulb changed out for bulbs running 4-6 hours per day.
- Caulk windows and caulk and weather-strip doors.
- Install a hot water heater blanket.
- Install hot water pipe insulation.
- Install electrical outlet and switch plate insulation.
- Clean furnace system and check ducts for leaks.
- Plant trees and shrubs on the south and west side of your residence.
- Fix leaky faucets and install low-flow showerheads.
- Use room fans to keep the air moving and reduce the feeling of heat in your home.
- Replace furnace and air conditioner filters monthly.
- Replace normal thermostats with programmable thermostats.