



Energy Saving Tips for Your Home



Lower the heat or Raise the A/C. Setting your thermostat just a three degrees cooler can save you money off your heating bills, while keeping your A/C set at 78 degrees instead of 75 will save electricity costs on warmer days.

Check your insulation. Without enough insulation in your attic or in your walls a lot of cool air can escape. Upgrading your ceiling insulation to R-30 (9-15 inches) and your wall insulation to R-11 (4-6 inches) can save money during the winter—and the summer as well.

On hot days, keep the sun out. Just by closing your window drapes or blinds (turn the blinds up instead of down), during the day, you can retain your home's cool air during warm days.

Install a programmable thermostat. By setting your thermostat at 62 degrees while you're not home, you can make a real dent in your heating bills. Keeping your thermostat at 83 degrees during the summer can save money as well. A programmable thermostat will help ensure that you don't forget.



Check your filter. An old air filter can reduce the efficiency of your heating or air conditioning by 11 percent. Changing your filter every 30 days during times of heavy usage will make an impact on your bills.

Change your light bulbs. For long-term savings, replace incandescent lights with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. Six compact fluorescent 60-watt bulbs cost around \$70, but can save hundreds in energy costs during their three-to-five year lifespan.

For other ideas, visit www.energyguide.com or www.HomeEnergySaver.lib.gov.

Also consider look into having your home audited by contacting your electric utility or transmission and distribution service provider.

