



LOW COST/NO COST RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Lights:

1. Turn off unused lights.
2. Install energy efficient compact fluorescent lights (CFL's) or LED

Heating System:

3. Lower your thermostat at night.
4. Keep thermostats set below 68° degrees in the winter – many customers have found that a fully insulated home can be very comfortable at 68°.
5. Lower your thermostat to 50° to 55° degrees when going on vacation.
6. If you have a cooling system, aim for a thermostat setting above 74 degrees. Again on a hot day this can be very comfortable.

Water:

7. Set your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees.
8. If you have an older water heater, wrap with an insulating blanket.
9. Wash clothes in cold water.
10. Use high-efficiency showerheads (available free at our office).
11. Fix leaky faucets and toilets (use inexpensive leak detectors).
12. If hot tub is little used, turn off, or turn down, use an insulated cover.

Air Leaks, Drafts:

13. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
14. Consider an Infra-red scan, see Weatherization Contractor List.

Appliances:

15. Turn off the rarely used/extra refrigerator or freezer.
16. Decommission the working extra partially full refrigerator or freezer.

Maintenance:

17. Clean or replace your dryer vent and hose. They are often full of lint and this restricts air flow, increases dryer energy use, and dry time.
18. Regularly clean or replace your furnace filter.
19. Close the damper in your fireplace when not in use. Don't use your fireplace to heat your home.

Home Electronics:

20. Computers, fax machines, printers, music and video equipment, big screen TV's, etc. use a lot of energy. Turn off with a power strip when not in use which will also turn off the constantly on "trickle charge."
21. TV set top cable boxes use a lot of power too. Check with your cable provider to see if these can be turned off when TV is not in use.