



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Top 10 Energy-Saving Tips

1. Save up to \$100 a year when you properly use a programmable thermostat. Set manual thermostats to 78°F in the summer and 68°F in the winter, and then leave them alone.



2. Change standard air filters once a month or pleated filters once every three months to help your heating and cooling system run more efficiently. Have your system professionally serviced annually.



3. Caulk and weather-strip around your windows and doors. If the caulk is cracked or the weather stripping is flat or peeling, replace the old material.

4. Seal around wiring and plumbing penetrations. Use caulk for small holes and expanding foam for larger areas. This will keep conditioned air from escaping the house.

5. Use a smart power strip or simply unplug electronics when they are not in use and save up to \$100 a year.

6. Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when purchasing new appliances.

7. Keep air vents clear of obstructions to help your heating and cooling system operate more efficiently.

8. ENERGY STAR qualified CFL light bulbs provide high-quality light, produce 75 percent less heat, last up to 10 times longer and use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent light bulbs.

9. Wash full loads of clothes and avoid overdrying. Clean the lint trap before every load to increase efficiency, saving you more than \$30 a year.



10. Set your water heater's temperature to 120°F and wrap your electric water heater with an insulated blanket for additional savings. Read the installation instructions and warranty to make sure this doesn't void the warranty.



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