


A hand-drawn icon of a house with a curved arrow pointing upwards from the roof, symbolizing energy efficiency or saving.

## 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 over-drying. 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.

A cartoon illustration of a scientist with glasses, a white lab coat, and a red tie, standing with arms crossed. A glowing blue rectangular object, possibly a tablet or screen, is floating in the air next to him.

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