

Top 10 Energy-Saving Tips



1. Use programmable thermostats.

Every degree you raise your home's thermostat in the summer and lower it in the winter can mean as much as 3 to 5% off your monthly bill.



6. Run the dishwasher only when **completely full** to save the maximum amount of energy and water.



7. Keep cool air inside and circulate with ceiling fans.

Insulate your attic, seal around windows, doors, and plumbing. Check air ducts for leaks to help conditioned air stay where it belongs.



2. Unplug electronics such as computers, cell phones, or video game consoles. A smart power strip and unplugging electronics when not in use can save up to \$100 a year.



8. Change HVAC air filters regularly, unblock indoor air vents and clear vegetation around outdoor units so your heating and cooling system can operate more efficiently.



3. Turn off lights when leaving a room and switch to energy-efficient LED bulbs, which can last up to 15 times longer and use up to 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs.



9. Look for the **ENERGY STAR** label when buying new appliances.



4. Close the refrigerator door as **quickly as possible** to help save energy.



10. Set your water heater thermostat to **120 degrees** and properly insulate your water heater and pipes to keep heated water warm.



5. Wash full loads of clothes in cold water, avoid over-drying, and clean the lint trap before every load to increase efficiency.

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