

# 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. ENERGY STAR® qualified LED light bulbs** provide high-quality light, last up to 20 years and use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent light bulbs.

**7. Look for the ENERGY STAR label** when purchasing new appliances.

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

**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.

