



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.

