



Energy Savings Tip For Your Home

Looking for an easy way to save money?

Simply follow these easy steps and you will be able to notice the difference in your energy bill!

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- ❖ Seal around windows and doors. Poorly sealed houses allow heated or cooled air to escape through gaps. Caulking reduces uncomfortable drafts, and high utility bills.
- ❖ Turn your thermostat down. For every one degree you turn it down, you will save about 3% of your heating costs.
- ❖ Turn down the temperature of your water heater. Water heating accounts for as much as 14% of your utility bill.
- ❖ Wrap your water heater with a water heater insulating blanket.
- ❖ Insulate the first three feet of hot and cold water pipes going into your heater. These areas of piping take needed energy from the water heater.
- ❖ Turn off lights as you leave rooms. Lighting, cooking, and other appliances account for about 33% of a home's energy bill.
- ❖ Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. If you replace just 25% of your lights in high-use areas, you can save about 50% of your lighting energy bill.
- ❖ Microwave foods rather than use the oven.
- ❖ Wash only full loads of laundry.
- ❖ For more information on how to save money log onto: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>