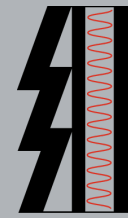


7 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY IN YOUR HOME



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Air Sealing

Having your home properly sealed is a great way to save energy and to reduce heating and cooling expenses. Air leaking out of your home is most often from the home interior into your attic through small openings and these small openings can make your heating bill even higher if your attic is not sufficiently insulated. To reap the full amount of savings from air sealing, you should also consider fully insulating your home.



Insulation Upgrades

Insulation plays a key role in lowering your utility bills by retaining heat during the winter and keeping heat out of your home during the summer. A well-insulated home not only saves energy, but also money. It's an investment that benefits you long after the installation.



Switch to LED's

LEDs use at least 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs, producing less heat and more light per watt. Plus, they have a long lifespan, typically 15,000 hours or longer. Although LED's are more expensive off the shelf, their efficient energy use and longer service lives mean that they cost less in the long run.



Install a Programmable or Smart Thermostat

A programmable or smart thermostat can be set to automatically turn off or reduce heating and cooling during the times you are asleep or away, eliminating wasteful energy use from heating and cooling. On average, a programmable thermostat can save you \$180 per year.



Install a High Efficiency Shower Head

Efficient showerheads lower the gallons of water used per minute, without compromising performance—allowing you to use less water and potentially lowering water and heating bills



Smart Power Strips

The electricity used by electronics when they are turned off or in standby mode, are a major source of energy waste. Advanced power strips work by preventing electronics from drawing power when they are turned off or not being used. Smart power strips can be set to turn off at an assigned time, during a period of inactivity, through remote switches, or based on the status of a "master" device.



Purchase Energy Efficient Appliances

When purchasing an energy efficient appliance, you should look for appliances with the ENERGY STAR label, which is a federal guarantee that the appliance will consume less energy during use and when on standby than standard non-energy efficient models. Energy savings differ based on the specific appliance. For example, ENERGY STAR certified clothes washers consume 25% less energy and 45% less water than conventional ones, whereas ENERGY STAR refrigerators use only 9% less energy.

