

TOP 10 WAYS TO CONSERVE ENERGY & WATER IN YOUR HOME



HIGH EFFICIENCY LIGHT BULBS HELP LOWER YOUR ENERGY COSTS. A COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULB CAN LAST 10 TIMES LONGER THAN AN INCANDESCENT BULB AND USE 75 PERCENT LESS ENERGY!

1. UPDATE YOUR LIGHTING

Change out your old incandescent bulbs and replace them with compact fluorescent light bulbs. Turn off lights, TVs and computers when you leave a room, and use sunlight for lighting when possible.

2. ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT

The recommended setting for winter is 68 degrees and for summer 75 degrees. Use fans to help keep you cool in the summer.

3. USE THOSE CURTAINS AND BLINDS

During the winter, open curtains and blinds to let the sun help heat your home. Close them at night to keep the heat in. During the summer, close the curtains and blinds during the day.

4. CONSERVE WATER

Make sure to fix leaks and turn off the water while brushing your teeth or washing the dishes. Take short showers instead of baths and only run your dishwasher when it is full.

5. USE LESS HOT WATER

Lower the temperature setting on your hot water heater to 120 degrees.

6. UPDATE YOUR LAUNDRY ROUTINE

Use cold water to wash clothes, and only do the wash when you have a full load. Dry heavy and light fabrics separately or even better, hang clothes to dry. Clean your dryer filter each time you use the machine.

7. LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVES TO USING YOUR OVEN

The microwave, crock pot, and toaster oven all use much less energy than the oven. When you do use the oven keep the door closed and keep it clean.

8. CHECK FOR AIR LEAKAGE

Look around windows, doors and vents, seal cracks with caulk and use weather stripping around exterior doors and windows.

9. MAINTAIN YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Clean the condenser coils twice per year and check the seals to make sure they are tight. The freezer works best when full; the refrigerator works best when full, but not packed.

10. REPLACE FILTERS MONTHLY

Check and replace your filters on your air heating system regularly.