

# Conservation Tips

You will get significant savings by lowering the water temperature setting to 115° on your water heater.

If your clothes dryer has an automatic cycle, use it, because drying more than needed wastes energy and wears out clothes.

If you block or restrict air flow by placing furniture over heating and cooling registers, your heating system and air conditioner will have to work harder.

You should check and clean your dryer exhaust vent occasionally and remove lint after each load.

You should weather-strip all doors and windows or install storm windows and doors to prevent drafts.

You can easily save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to 68°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home. By turning your thermostat back 10°–15° for 8 hours, you can save about 5%–15% a year on your heating bill—a savings of as much as 1% for each degree if the setback period is eight hours long.

You can keep hot water use to a minimum by washing only full loads in washers and dishwashers.

You can set up a payment plan for your winter bills that is spread out over the year, not just the winter months. Call your Electric or Gas company and ask to be set-up on Budget Billing.

Sealing air leaks is the first and most important step to home comfort.

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Seal off

Save  
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Your hot water tank is usually the second greatest energy user in your home.

Your furnace requires routine maintenance, some from you, some from a furnace professional, in order to keep it safe and efficient.

Air leaks in and out of your home around plumbing and wiring, around windows and doors, and where walls meet ceilings.

Lack of adequate weather-stripping can cost you \$50.00 or more a year in lost energy cost.

Washing clothes in cold water will not only prevents shrinking and fading, but will reduce your energy bill.

A seven minute or less shower under a two gallon per minute low-flow shower head is the more efficient than taking a bath in a bathtub full of water.

For safety reasons, wrap only the sides of a gas tank. Wrap the sides and top of an electric tank.

Install a setback thermostat which will lower the temperature while you sleep, and will raise it automatically just before you wake up.

It takes far less energy to lower the thermostat and then raise it later than to keep it set at the same setting at all times.

The more you can leave the air conditioner off, the more money you will save.

A  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch gap at the base of a three-foot wide exterior door leaks as much air as a three inch hole in the wall of your home.

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