



Checklist for Smart Energy Savings

Lighting

- Install ENERGYSTAR certified fixtures and CFL light bulbs.
- Install LED bulbs for lights left on frequently (patio lights, etc.)

Water Heating

- Set your water heater temperature to no higher than 120°F.
- If you have 1 or two people in your home, you can try setting your water heater to 115°F.
- If your water heater is older but you don't want to replace it, wrap a water heater blanket around your tank. Blankets can be found at any home improvement store and are inexpensive and easy to install.
- Install low-flow showerheads, preferably with a rate of less than 2.5 gallons per minute.

Heating & Cooling

- Set your thermostat to 78°F in the summer and 68°F in the winter when you're at home.
- Set your programmable thermostat to reduce your heating and cooling when you're not home.
- Use those ceiling fans! Run them blowing down in the summer and up in the winter.
- Replace furnace air filters monthly and make sure they are facing the right direction.
- Keep window treatments OPEN during the winter daylight hours.
- Keep window treatments CLOSED during the summer daylight hours.

Weather-Proofing

- Drafty areas? Install inexpensive weatherstripping along doors and windows. Use clear sheets of heavy-duty plastic on the inside of windows.
- Verify that all outdoor doors close and seal tightly.
- Use caulk or spray foam to insulate holes where pipes, cables, and vents enter or exit your home.

Managing Energy Hogs

- Keep your entertainment system on a power strip and turn it off when not in use.
- Vacuum or brush the coils on your refrigerator units at least once every three months.
- Check your refrigerator's gaskets (the rubber molding along the door). If a dollar bill can be easily pulled out from a closed door, it's time to replace the gasket.
- Enable any power management you have on your computer or monitor and select energy modes.
- Use the cold water settings on your washer, and keep your dryer's lint filter clean after each load.

