



ENERGY SAVERS

Tips on Saving Energy & Money at Home

WATER

- **Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes**
- **Take short showers**
- **Lower the water heater thermostat to 120 degrees**
- **Insulate electric water heater tanks but be careful to not cover the thermostat. Follow manufacturer's directions**
- **Repair leaky faucets**
- **Insulate water heater pipes**
- **Select low-flow shower heads and faucets**

COLD WEATHER

- **During cold weather, keep draperies and shades on the south side of your home open during the day to allow sunlight to enter. Close all of them at night to reduce the chill.**
- **Set the thermostat as low as is comfortable**
- **Caulk and weather strip all doors and windows**
- **Replace furnace filters once a month**

- **Insulate heating ducts in unheated spaces to prevent loss of heat**
- **Check the insulation in attic, basement and walls to make sure it is up to the recommended level for your area**
- **Heavy duty, clear plastic sheets can be installed on the window frames to prevent air leakage. Remember the plastic must be sealed tightly**
- **Close fireplace damper when not in use**

WARM WEATHER

- **During warm weather, keep draperies and shades closed on the south and west side to prevent solar heating during the day**
- **Consider using an interior fan along with the air conditioner to spread cooled air more effectively throughout the home**
- **Set the thermostat as high as comfortable**

LIGHTING

- **Use exterior lights with motion sensors so they will only turn on at night or when someone is present**
- **Turn off lights in any room you're not using**
- **Install task lighting to reduce the need for ambient lighting of large space. Ex: under-counter kitchen lights or bathroom mirror lights**
- **Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in place of incandescent bulbs to save approximately 50% on lighting cost**