

heating & cooling

- Install a programmable thermostat to save energy while you're away from home, and bring the temperature to a comfortable level by the time you return.
- Have your furnace checked before each heating season and replace filters. Change filters often throughout the season as dirty filters block the flow of air.
- Keep return air ducts clean. Dust and lint can keep a room from receiving sufficient heat.
- Make sure all sun-exposed windows have draperies. Let the sun in on cool days and keep it out on warm days.

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appliances & devices

- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use—devices in standby mode still use several watts of power.
- If your refrigerator has a power saver or power economizer switch, use it according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Run your dishwasher through the wash and rinse cycles but turn it off at the drying cycle. Open the door to allow the dishes to air dry.
- When replacing older appliances, consider high-efficiency-rated products for greater energy savings.

water heating

- Get a well-insulated water heater and set the thermostat no higher than necessary for household uses.
- When away from home for more than a week, turn the water heater control to a low temperature setting.
- Fix leaky faucets—they waste tremendous amounts of water, and if it's hot water, you're wasting fuel to heat the water as well.
- Washing dishes by hand can use as much as 20 gallons of hot water. Dishwashers use approximately 15 gallons of hot water. When using a dishwasher, make sure you wait to run the machine until you have a full load.

cooking

- Adjust your stovetop flame so that it fits the pan. Never allow the flame to lap up around the sides of the pan.
- Do not use aluminum foil to line the oven. It can reduce the oven's efficiency by interfering with air circulation.
- If you need to boil water, start with water from the hot water tap. Part of the heating job is already done.
- If there is an exhaust fan over the range, use it! Cooking odors will be eliminated and so will heated air, reducing air conditioner's cooling load. In winter, only use it when necessary.

Saving money on your energy bill is easy! Just follow these simple energy-saving practices.

It's easy to cut back on the amount of energy consumed in your home in each of these areas:
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