



SPRING

INSTALL HIGH-EFFICIENCY HVAC SYSTEMS - Consider installing a high-efficiency furnace and A/C unit. They use less energy and make your home more comfortable.

UPGRADE APPLIANCES - Time for spring cleaning. We'll take away your old working fridge or freezer, and responsibly recycle it! Upgrade old appliances with Energy Star-labeled appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers and dryers.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING - Spruce up your outdoor landscape with solar lighting fixtures. They will power up during the day and turn on at night.

SEAL AIR LEAKS - Prevent warm air from leaking into your home. Re-caulk or seal gaps that allow outside air to leak in.

A/C TUNEUP - Get your A/C tuned up before the summer season to ensure maximum performance. And remember to change your air filter regularly.

PLANT A TREE - Plant leafy trees on the south side of your home to provide cooling shade during hot weather, and plant evergreens upwind (most often north/northwest) of your home to cut down on winter drafts. Well-positioned trees can save up to 20% off your home's energy for heating and cooling. Remember to call 811 at least two days before you dig.

INSTALL ATTIC FAN - Prepare for the summer months by installing an attic fan. It can help regulate your home's temperature by pushing hot air outside while pulling in cool air from soffit gable vents.

SAVE ENERGY

It's easy to cut back on the amount of energy used in your home every season of the year.

Simply follow these cardinal rules for saving energy, and soon you may be saving money on your energy bills.

It's the right thing to do.



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SUMMER

AVOID EXCESSIVE USE OF WELL PUMPS -

Avoid overwatering lawns, particularly during the summer months. Constant use of a well pump can significantly impact your water bill.

AIR CONDITIONERS -

Double check to make sure the air conditioner compressor/condenser unit that is located outside the home is shaded.

USE A SMART POWER STRIP -

Smart power strips help save energy by shutting off the power to electronics when they are not in use.

COLLECT WATER - Use a rain barrel to collect and store water from your gutters. When you need it, you won't have to turn on the hose and run up the water bill.

CHECK PLACEMENT OF APPLIANCE -

Make sure that your refrigerators and freezers aren't located near the stove, dishwasher or heat vents. Exposure to warm areas forces them to use more energy to remain cool.

CEILING FANS - Using a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat temperature about 4 degrees without reducing your comfort level.

TIMERS - Timers and motion sensors keep outdoor lights on when you need them and off when you don't.

AIR DRY DISHES - Air dry your dishes instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle. Open the door after the rinse cycle and let Mother Nature do the rest.

FALL

INSTALL STORM WINDOWS -

Prior to winter, install storm windows over windows with only single panes. A removable glass frame can be installed over an existing window.

UPGRADE TO ENERGY-EFFICIENT INSULATION -

Insulation helps prevent heat loss and heat gain in a home. Proper insulation could save up to 20% on your home's heating and cooling costs.

INSULATE WINDOWS AND DOORS - The simplest and cheapest way to reduce energy loss is to seal all window edges and cracks with rope caulk.

CLOSE UP THE FIREPLACE - Keep the damper closed on your fireplace when it is not in use.

FURNACE

MAINTENANCE - Have your furnace checked before each heating season and replace the filters often throughout the year as dirty filters block air flow.

UNPLUG THE CHARGERS -

Chargers use energy when they are plugged in. If not connected to electronics, chargers should be unplugged.

TURN OFF THE COMPUTER -

Computers should be shut off when not in use. If a computer must be left on, the monitor should be shut off.

REPLACE YOUR LIGHT BULBS -

Replace your incandescent bulbs with Energy Star-certified LED bulbs that last on average 25 times longer and consume up to 80% less electricity.



WINTER

INSTALL A WIFI SMART THERMOSTAT - A Wi-Fi smart thermostat can be programmed to automatically adjust the temperature when you are away or sleeping.

INSULATE HEATING DUCTS -

20-30% of the air moving through the duct system is lost due to leaks. Insulating the heating ducts can prevent this loss and save energy.

INSULATE HOT WATER PIPES - Insulating pipes reduces heat loss, raising the water temperature 2 to 4 degrees hotter than the temperature in uninsulated pipes.

KEEP THE OVEN CLOSED -

Every time the oven door is opened, the temperature drops as much as 25 degrees, causing longer cooking times.

INSTALL ATTIC VENTING -

Install energy-efficient ventilation to improve air circulation in the attic. Venting an attic allows outdoor air to flow into the attic in the winter while providing an escape route for hot air in the summer.

RUN HOT WATER BEFORE TURNING ON THE DISHWASHER -

Run hot water in your kitchen sink before turning on your dishwasher to bring hot water up to your dishwasher.

VACATION TIME - If you are going away for more than a week, turn down the temperature on your water heater and raise it back up when you return home.