

Energy Assistance

Energy Saving Tips:

- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower in the winter and 78 degrees or higher in the summer.
- Adjust air conditioning and heating system temperatures to save energy when you are away for the day and when you are sleeping at night.
- Change air filters every month. Look for air filters with a MERV rating of 6 or higher.
- Tune up your heating and air conditioning system annually.
- Have your duct work tested for leakage. Insulate ducts where they run through cold areas.
- Weatherstrip and caulk around windows, door frames, foundation cracks, electrical outlets, or anywhere where you feel a draft.
- Clean dust and lint away from appliances (heating/cooling unit, refrigerators, hot-water heaters, etc.) on a regular basis so the motors run well.
- Consider moving your extra refrigerator or freezer out of the garage to the basement so your appliance won't have to work so hard to stay cool.
- Make sure gaskets on the doors of refrigerators and stoves are tight.
- Keep the fireplace chimney damper closed when not using the fireplace.



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Live An Energy Efficient Lifestyle:

- Light only the area where you are working, not the whole room.
- Turn off lights and appliances when they are not being utilized.
- Close vents in rooms that are not being used on a regular basis and close the door.
- Choose the stove burner to fit the size of the pan you are using.
- Use ceiling fans in occupied rooms.
- Don't block radiators or vents – including cold-air returns – with furniture, drapes, or rugs.
- In cold weather, open window shades that receive direct sunlight during the day; close shades at night. In hot weather, leave window shades that receive direct sunlight closed during the day.
- Try pulling on a sweater or wrapping up in a blanket before you turn up the heat.
- During hot months, try to use the oven, dishwasher and other appliances that produce heat during the late evening and early morning.



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