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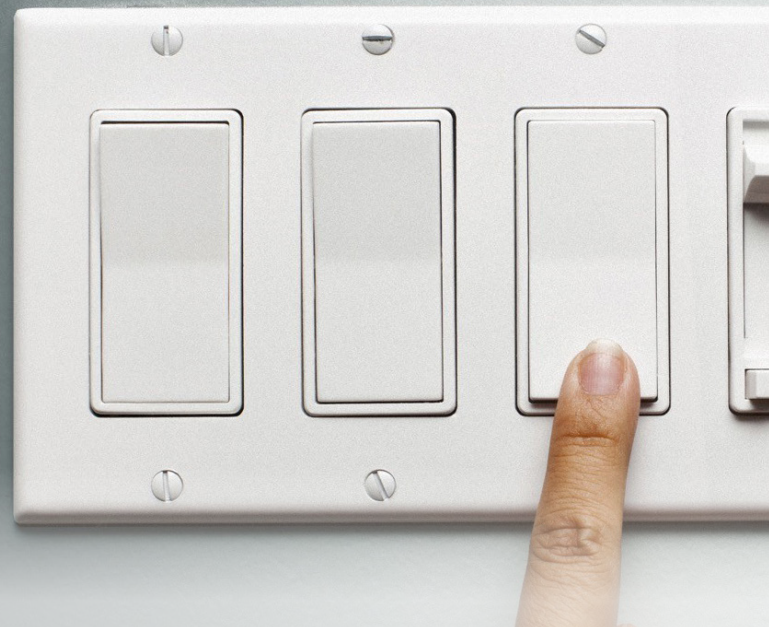


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SAVINGS IN THE HOUSE
QUICK TIPS TO CUT YOUR UTILITY BILL



Save Energy, Water, and Money

Take control of your monthly utility bill with these quick tips!

Did you know that you can control the majority of your monthly utility bill? From fixing leaky toilets to knowing how to set your thermostat, small repairs or usage changes can create opportunities for savings on your monthly utility bill. Use the following tips to start making your home more efficient today!

Heating and Air Conditioning Systems

Heating and cooling drive about 55% of monthly energy costs

- Set your thermostat to 78° in the summer and 68° in the winter for maximum savings.
- Change your air filters monthly. Thinner air filters are actually more efficient—and more affordable—than thicker ones.
- Don't cover up air vents or return grills with furniture or other items.
- Keep your outdoor condenser unit fan clean and shaded.

Eliminate possible sources of air leaks

- Get rid of drafts by caulking all interior holes and cracks.
- Check your ductwork to make sure there are no leaks or gaps.
- Use foam sealers or gaskets around light switches and outlets.
- Add weatherstripping around doors, windows, and air conditioning units.



Bright Tip!



Use LED bulbs in your home! They last three times longer than incandescent bulbs and use less energy.

Water Heating

Water heating drives about 20% of monthly energy costs

- Set your water heater at 120°.
- Take shorter, cooler showers in the summer.
- Run your clothes washer and dryer only when completely full, and wash with cold water when possible.



Energy and Water Saving Do's and Don'ts

Saving water and energy at home can be easier than you think!

Do...

- Keep the garage doors closed.
- Use the bathroom vent fan to remove heat and humidity.
- Avoid using appliances that add heat and humidity on hot days.
- Repair dripping faucets.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Water lawns and gardens in the cooler morning or evening hours.

Don't...

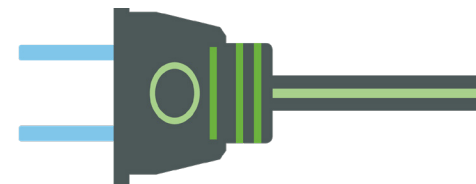
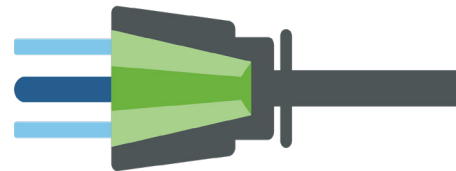
- Heat your home with an oven or fireplace.
- Keep the front door open just to see out the storm door.
- Use duct tape for sealing ducts; instead, use mastic tape.
- Use clothes or dish washers until they are full.
- Leave the faucet running while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Ignore a leaky toilet—this can cost about \$50 a day!

Take a Load Off

Phantom Loads Can Add to Monthly Bills

The average household owns 26 electronic devices. These devices quietly drain electricity all day, every day, while plugged in—even when they are turned off! Luckily, you can minimize this “phantom load” by doing the following:

- Unplug cellphone chargers when they are not in use.
- Use Smart Power strips to manage energy use when devices are not turned on.
- Recycle old appliances; avoid using old ones as “extras.”



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