Energy Conservation Tips

Free and Low-Cost Ways to Save Energy

- Do laundry in cold water whenever possible.
- Hang clothes outside to dry whenever possible.
- Keep dryer lint trap clean at all times for the dryer to work at the highest efficiency.
- Close draperies and blinds to keep heat in during winter months and keep your home cool in summer months.
- Use the *"Energy Saver"* feature on dishwasher.
- Only run dishwasher when full.
- Keep freezer as full as possible.
- Limit time in the shower.
- Layered clothing during winter months will keep you warmer.
- When preparing a meal make enough for leftovers. It is cheaper to reheat leftovers than to prepare another meal.
- Set water heater at 120º.
- Vacuum heaters and vent registers.
- Turn lights off in rooms not being used.
- Consolidate refrigerators & freezers.
- Caulk windows.
- Weatherstrip.
- Wrap water pipes.
- Use shrink-wrap on non-insulated windows.
- Seal and wrap heating ducts.
- Change furnace filters regularly.
- Replace old incandescent bulbs with new energy efficient fluorescent bulbs.
- Be sure to close fireplace damper.

When shopping for a new appliance, don't forget to take into account hidden energy costs. The appliance with the lowest price tag may not be the most efficient, or save you the most money in the long run. Read the **ENERGYGUIDE** labels on major appliances, and talk to salespeople about the best energy buy. By federal law, these new appliances all have energy-efficiency labels:

- Refrigerators
- Water Heaters
- Freezers
- Room and Central Air Conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Clothes Washers
- Furnaces