

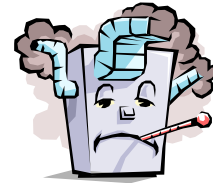


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### Top energy saving tips

1. Use ENERGY STAR-rated compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and always look for the ENERGY STAR symbol. Products displaying this symbol can help reduce energy and operating costs by 30 to 50% and last up to 10 times longer than traditional light bulbs. Please refer to the ENERGY STAR website for assistance on how to choose and where to use CFLs.
2. Fix faucet leaks. A leak of only one drop per second wastes about 10,000 litres of water per year.
3. Use low-flow showerheads. They use up to 60 % less water than standard ones without changing the water pressure.
4. Wash and rinse clothes in cold water and air-dry them whenever possible. This can reduce the energy used by up to 90%.
5. Unplug home electronics such as computers, televisions & other home electronics as they continue to draw electricity even when turned off.
6. Install & set a programmable thermostat. This can save 2% on the heating bill for every 1 degree C turned down.
7. Change or clean the furnace filter. A dusty filter means the furnace is working harder than otherwise to circulate heated air.
8. Turn electric baseboard heaters off at the electrical panel until the start of the heating season.
9. Use window kits to increase the performance and comfort of windows. Use weatherstripping, caulking and expanding foam to seal areas of air leakage.
10. Operating times of certain devices should be closely monitored. Be aware that devices such as air conditioners, dehumidifiers, pumps, car heaters, heating cable, heat recovery ventilators and others can have a major impact on a power bill. Consider timers as an option for some of these.



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