

Hold on to comfort and Save Energy Dollars

Energy Tips

- Open the sun shades on south-facing windows on winter days.
- Close the fireplace damper when not in use.
- Turn off kitchen and bath exhaust fans immediately after use.
- In winter, wear warm clothing indoors and lower the thermostat setting.
- In summer, wear cool clothing and raise the thermostat setting.
- Close the shades on sunny windows in summer.
- Keep interior doors cracked for avoiding pressure imbalances and air leakage.
- Replace or clean air filter monthly or according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Set the water heater temperature to 120° or the energy efficiency setting.
- Use the cold or warm water cycle on your clothes washer.
- Clean the lint filter with each dryer load.
- Make sure dryer vent outside is not blocked by lint.
- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Use small appliances and microwaves for most efficient cooking.
- Run ceiling fans only when in the room.

See reverse for more tips.


- Check well and sewer grinder pumps for continuous operation.
- Make sure that the airflow returning to your heating/cooling system is not being pulled from the attic or crawl space.
- Check crawl spaces to see if animals have pulled ducting loose as they seek warm air in winter.
- Check for signs of a hot water pipe leak under the house or around the slab edge.
- For households without central heating and cooling, keep one room more comfortable.

Energy Saving Projects

- Replace your old heating system with an ENERGY STAR® heat pump or geothermal system.
- Have leaky ducts sealed with mastic to save the most energy. (Most ducts leak 20% or more.)
- Install an ENERGY STAR® programmable thermostat.
- Install R-38 or higher insulation in the attic and R-19 under floors over a crawl space.
- Seal leaky windows with low-cost interior storm window kits. Use rigid plastic for child safety.
- Weatherstrip, caulk or foam seal leaky windows, pipe openings and doors.
- Shade sunny windows in summer; outside shading works best.
- Replace standard light bulbs with ENERGY STAR® light-emitting diode bulbs (LEDs).
- Install motion sensors or dusk-to-dawn photo controls for outdoor lighting.
- Wrap water heater with an insulation blanket and install pipe insulation when not in a conditioned space.
- Install timers on pool pumps and water heaters.
- Maintain attic temperature with proper ventilation.
- Consider eliminating aging refrigerators and freezers in the garage.



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