SAVING ENERGY AT HOME

Conserving energy is important to the environment and the wallet.

Investments such as solar panels and high-performance windows are a great way to reduce energy consumption, but there are little things you can do every day to impact your energy use and your utility bill.

- Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently. Set the timer to minimize heating or cooling while you are away.
- Replace your air filter regularly to keep your air conditioning system running efficiently.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F.
- Keep the sun away. Use drapes, blinds and shades to keep the sun out of your home. Use shade trees and awnings to keep the sun from warming the outside of your home.
- Just like your mom always said, turn off the lights when you leave a room. The same goes for TV's, computers, monitors, and other electronic devices.
- Use an advanced power strip for home electronics to reduce the amount of power drawn when these devices sit idle.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and air dry whenever possible.
- Check the seals on your refrigerator door. If you feel cold air when the door is shut you should repair the seals.
- Keep your freezer full to maximize efficiency. Consider freezing containers of water when there is extra space.
- Fix leaky faucets or running toilets. The increased water use is costly and if the water is heated you're paying more to heat the wasted water.

When buying new appliances, look for an ENERGYSTAR® model, which means it has been independently certified to save energy without sacrificing functionality.

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