



WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

"This time of year is when homes have their highest energy demand of the year. Heating accounts for 34% of all annual utility usage."

-U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Turn down your thermostat from 72 degrees to 68 degrees for 8 hours and you can save as much as 10% on energy costs. Every degree lowered can lower your bill approximately 3% .



Winterize windows with weather stripping for all movable joints and caulk for non-moving parts.

Inspect ductwork for air leakage. If you do feel air leaking at joints, use silver metal duct tape to seal them. You could save up to 10% of your heating costs.



Replace or clean furnace filters. Dirty filters restrict airflow & increase energy use. Now is also the time for a furnace systems check. Keeping your furnace properly adjusted can reduce energy use, saving up to 5% of heating costs.

When you cozy up to a crackling fire on a cold winter day, you may be losing more heat than you are generating if your fireplace is not airtight.



Reduce hot water temperature. Set your water heater to the "normal" setting or 120-degrees Fahrenheit. Savings can be up to 7-11 % of water heating costs.

Use appliances efficiently. Do only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer. Use cold water as often as possible which can reduce energy use by 75%. Clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use.



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