

5 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE ENERGY

during the Winter and Summer months

The "usage" on your utility bill is very important. Not only does it tell you how much electricity you used but it is directly related to how much you pay. If you are using more than 500 kWh a month chances are there are things you can do to save energy.



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CONTROL YOUR THERMOSTAT.

Heating and cooling uses the most energy in your home. By controlling your thermostat you can lower your utility bills. That means setting the thermostat at 68° in the winter and 78° in the summer.

CONSERVE HOT WATER.

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By lowering the temperature on your water heater to 120°F and taking short showers you can conserve water and save money.

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IF YOU AREN'T USING IT, TURN IT OFF.

Turn items all the way off if you aren't using them. Unplug if possible.



UPGRADE YOUR LIGHTBULBS.

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Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) may cost more than an old fashioned incandescent. But, over the lifetime of the bulb using a CFL will save you money. Check with your utility company to see if they will provide CFLs for free.

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CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS.

When running your air conditioner or heat make sure to close your windows.

