



No-cost energy saving tips

- Turn off everything not in use — lights, computers, etc.
- Avoid “phantom load” by unplugging appliances such as TVs and DVD players, or chargers for electronics like cell phones and hand-held games, which still consume power when plugged in but not turned on.
- Wait until you have a full load to start the dishwasher and clothes washer.
- Use pots and pans that fit the burners - small pans on small burners.
- Use countertop-cooking appliances when possible.
- A toaster oven or microwave will cost less to operate than heating a large oven.
- Keep light fixtures clean. Dust can obstruct light output by as much as 25%.

Low cost energy saving tips

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with long-lasting, energy efficient CFLs or LEDs.
- Caulk and weather-strip not just exterior door and window frames, but also recessed lighting, gaps around plumbing and electrical outlets, vents and fireplaces.
- Install switch plate and outlet gaskets to reduce air infiltration.
- Look for ENERGY STAR-rated appliances when purchasing new appliances.
- Add insulation to your attic if it has less than 6 inches of cellulose or 7 inches of fiberglass insulation.
- Add storm windows or doors to your home if not already equipped.
- Install motion lighting or dimmer switches to lighting systems equipped with CFLs.