



Low- to no-cost energy-saving tips

For your home



Seal air leaks.

Use weather stripping, caulk or foam sealants around doors, windows and cracks. Sealing these areas helps you save up to 20% on heating and cooling bills.



Take shorter showers.

Limit your time in the shower to save gallons of water and energy used to heat water. Install an energy-efficient showerhead designed to help you save, too.



Change air filters regularly.

Dirty filters make your HVAC system work harder. Replace them several times a year to improve efficiency and extend the life of your system.



Unblock vents.

Make sure furniture, rugs and curtains aren't obstructing air supply or return vents. Clear airflow helps your HVAC system run more efficiently.



Wash with cold water.

Switch to cold water rinse cycles in your washing machine. Heated water can account for up to 90% of a washer's energy use—and many detergents work best in cold water.



Keep your fridge cool.

Avoid storing hot food or drink to keep the fridge from using more electricity than necessary to maintain a cold temperature.



Lower your water heater temperature.

Set your water heater to 120°F. Every 10°F reduction can save 3–5% on water-heating costs without changing comfort.



Use ceiling fans strategically.

Fans cool people, not rooms—so turn them off when you leave.



Clean the dryer vent.

After each load, clean the lint trap to improve drying efficiency, reduce fire risk and help clothes dry faster.



Dry full loads.

Run your dryer with full loads and extend the washer's spin cycle to reduce drying time. These steps save energy and help your clothes last longer.



Ready to start saving?

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