

15 Ways to Conserve Energy

1. Instead of using the drying cycle on your dishwasher, let your dishes air dry.
2. Weather stripping kits are great if you have drafty windows and doors.
3. A drippy faucet can add up to more than you think. Fix leaky faucets.
4. Go around the house inside and outside. Look for any leaks around plumbing pipes, bathroom drains, electrical conduits, counter tops, telephone and cable wires, dryer vents and sink drains. Any small hole or crack deserves some caulking. These are called energy leaks. They can be very small but add up to a lot of energy loss.
5. Use a programmable thermostat. If your home is empty most of the day, you can set your heat or a/c to turn on at a preset time before you arrive home and things will be nice and cozy by the time you arrive.
6. A good quick fix, is to add insulation to your attic space. Over time, some insulations fall and compact. Adding a few inches up there can make a large difference in your heating and cooling bills.
7. Make use of motion detectors instead of leaving lights on all night.
8. If you can, turn your computer off when not in use or make use of the "energy saving mode".
9. Install a timer on your electric water heater. It will keep the water from cycling during the night when not in use.
10. When buying new appliances, look for the "Energy Star" sticker. It basically means that particular appliance meets or exceeds any government standard.
11. When building or installing a new roof, lighter roofs reflect light better during the day and cool down quicker at night.
12. Something as little as closing and opening your blinds can save you energy dollars. Close them during the day during summer months and open them at night. During the winter months, do just the opposite.
13. When buying a new washer, consider the front loader. They use less water and less energy. The spin cycle also gets more water out of the clothes and will help you in the drying time.
14. Turning your thermostat up and down wastes energy and increases your heating/cooling

costs. Adjust your thermostat to a comfortable setting and leave it for a while.

15. You can lower the temperature on your water heater by 10 or so degrees. But don't lower it to less than 120 degrees. You will save kilowatts and still have plenty of hot water. Don't forget vacation mode when you are going to be gone for extended periods of time.