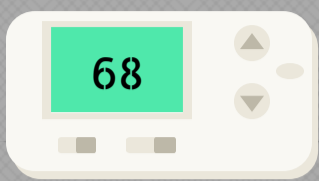
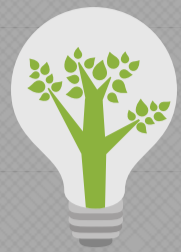
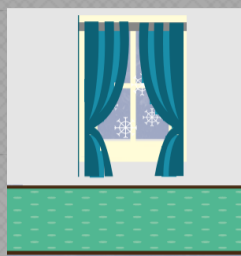


18 ways to be energy efficient



Turn your thermostat down to 68 degrees. A one degree difference can cut your electricity usage by 3%.

Use rugs and curtains to provide additional insulation around the home.



Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.



Use door sweeps or towels to limit air leaks under doors.

Conduct an online, or an in-home, energy audit to learn ways to make your home more energy efficient.

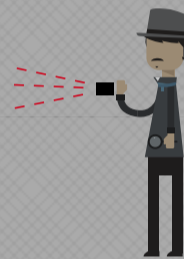


Seal all windows when temperatures begin to drop. This will prevent unwanted airflow in the winter.



During the summer, use things like the oven and dishwasher in the evening. These appliances produce extra heat and humidity.

Plant trees and shrubs around the home to produce extra shade.



Have your home's insulation inspected with an infrared camera to find air leaks that you can't see.

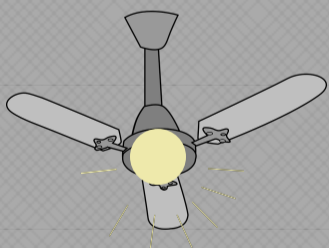


Install a programmable thermostat. It will remember to adjust the temperature when you don't.

Turn your computer's sleep mode on so it won't waste power when you're away from it.

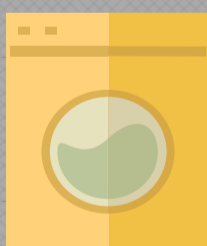


Use the microwave instead of the stove or oven, as it only uses a third of the electricity.

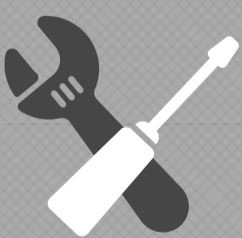


Turning up the thermostat and using fans during the summer can significantly decrease energy usage.

Wash clothes in cold water. It saves energy and has been proven to get clothes just as clean.

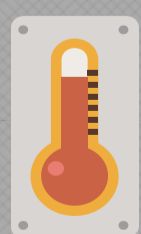
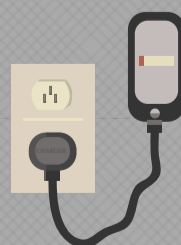


Ensure window A/C units are properly fitted to your window. Large gaps on the sides will lead to extra air loss.



Have the A/C unit and furnace inspected, serviced and cleaned according to the owner's manual suggestion.

Unplug battery chargers and power adapters when not in use.



Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees to conserve energy and maintain comfort.