

# 21 ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS FOR 2021



## Seal your home

Improve air sealing and add insulation to make your home more comfortable and save up to 10 percent on energy bills.



## No space heaters

Electric space heaters are one of the least efficient ways to heat your home - try to limit their use.



## Purchase ENERGY STAR®

These items have been independently certified and have undergone extensive testing to ensure they will save energy.



## Change your filter

A dirty furnace filter can prevent adequate airflow, making your system work harder and use more energy.



## Use a smart thermostat

Unlike people, smart thermostats never forget. Once set, they can automatically adjust to your habits.



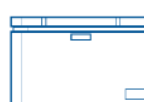
## Lower water heating

Set the temperature to 120 degrees. This keeps your water at a safe temperature and reduces energy costs.



## No second freezer

Recycling your second fridge or freezer can save you up to \$150 annually on your electric bill.



## Maintain your HVAC

Have a professional technician tune up your system every few years to keep it running as efficiently as possible.



## Use ceiling fans

Lower AC and heating costs without reducing comfort by raising or lowering the thermostat while running a ceiling fan.



## Use LED lights

Replacing lightbulbs used for more than three hours a day with LEDs can save as much as \$15 annually per bulb.



## Wash in cold water

Water heating consumes about 90 percent of the energy it takes to operate a clothes washer.



## Lower the temperature

Turn the thermostat down as much as possible in the winter. Even a few degrees can result in big savings.



## Raise the temperature

Turn the thermostat up as much as possible in the summer. Even a few degrees can result in big savings.



## Open the windows

Turn off the air conditioning and naturally cool your home by opening windows at night and closing them in the day.



## Use smart power strips

Smart power strips can help reduce wasted energy by turning off power to items when they are not in use.



## Use the sun

On winter days, open south-facing curtains, allowing sunlight to help heat the home. Close them at night to reduce any chill.



## Landscape to save

Planting trees and shrubs around the house can provide extra insulation, helping to save up to \$250 on heating and cooling.



## Use low-flow showerheads

Low-flow shower heads can reduce water usage by 25 to 60 percent and help to save on water heating costs.



## Turn things off

An easy way to save energy is to turn off lights, televisions and video game consoles when you leave the room.



## Close the damper

Forgetting to close the damper after a fire has burned out can cause drafts and heat loss throughout your home.



## Clean the dryer

Cleaning the filter after every dryer load will improve air circulation and increase the efficiency.

