

ENERGY SAVING TIPS



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When leaving your home or office, set temperatures lower during the winter and higher during the summer. Adjust the thermostat to your comfort level on your return. If you have a programmable thermostat, set the timer for the greatest energy efficiency.

Close blinds or drapes over the windows on the south and west sides of the building during the summer to keep heat out and open them in the winter to let heat in.

Check for poorly fitted windows and doors. Use caulk or weather stripping to keep heat out or in depending on the season.

When purchasing appliances, select the most energy efficient models. Also select the smallest model that will meet your needs.

Use energy saving compact fluorescent bulbs. They use 75% less energy and last ten times longer than incandescent bulbs.

When washing clothes, use the appropriate water level, cold water if possible and be sure to run full loads.

When using the dishwasher, make sure you are taking advantage of the energy saving settings and be sure to run full loads

When drying clothes, run full loads and be sure to keep the lint filter clean. Dry clothes on an outside line where possible.

Keep the water heater temperature set on low.

Use task or natural lighting rather than overhead lighting whenever possible.

Turn off lights, televisions, computers, stereos and other electronic equipment when not in use.

Act as an energy saving model for your children. They learn quickly and will follow your example.

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