



WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AT HOME

Heating and Cooling (31% of household energy)

- Turn down thermostat 1°– 3% savings
- Turn pilot light off in summer
- Get programmable thermostat (Saves up to 20%)
- Close chimney flu
- Insulate outlets
- Weatherstrip and/or caulk doors and windows
- Use ceiling fans instead of air conditioner

Major Appliances (19% of household energy)

- Clean refrigerator coils regularly
- Change and clean filters in dryer and furnace
- Run full loads in washer and dishwasher when possible
- Air dry dishes in dishwasher (saves 20%)
- Buy Energy Star appliances www.energystar.gov/products

Hot Water (10% of household energy)

- Wash clothes in cold water
- Set hot water heater to 120°F (10° cooler cuts 500 lbs. of CO₂/year)
- Take shorter, cooler showers
- Install blanket for hot water heater if older than 5 years

Lighting (6% of household energy)

- Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescents
(saves 60% energy, last 10 times longer, produces 70% less heat)

Miscellaneous (25% of household energy)

- Unplug chargers when not in use
(cell phone charger plugged in 24/7 produces 93 lbs of CO₂/year)
- Shut off any electronics you can when not in use—use power strips
(40% of electricity is consumed while off—that's equal to energy output of 26 power plants for 1 year)