

SAVE ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

Planning ahead can save money and alleviate frustration with high utility bills. Here are some hints to save money and help our environment:

- Keep all vents free from debris and remove any item that blocks the flow of air.
- Do not block vents with furniture.
- In winter, set your thermostat at about 68 degrees. For every degree you lower the heat, you save 5% in heating costs. At night, turn the thermostat down to 55 degrees, but NEVER turn the heat below 50 degrees when the home is unoccupied.
- Open blinds in the daytime to let in sun and close them at sundown to insulate.
- Lock windows so they will seal better.
- Keep windows and doors closed to keep heat inside.
- Turn lights off and shut doors in unoccupied rooms.
- Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. They use 75% less energy.
- Over 2/3 of the water heating costs are from showers. Cut shower time down to half and reduce costs up to 33%.
- Only run full loads of laundry in the washer and dryer.