

## ENERGY SAVING TIPS

*Keep your cool WHEN IT'S WARM and stay warm WHEN IT'S COOL.*

1. **KICK IT UP A DEGREE.** When you're air conditioning, set your thermostat to 78. Anything lower will increase your cost by approximately **5%** for every degree below 78. And if you're going to be away from home, try setting your thermostat higher. In the winter, set the temperature at 68. Your heating cost will increase **3%** for each degree above 68 degrees.
2. **HIGH TECH THERMOSTATS.** Programmable thermostats can save you money and energy any time of the year. For instance, in the winter you can program the thermostats to run cooler at night and warmer during the day. Interested? Talk to your heating and air conditioning contractor for a programmable thermostat designed just for heat pumps.
3. **MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE OFF WHEN THE AIR CONDITIONING IS ON.** It's always a good idea to turn off unused lights-you'll save energy and money. But it's especially smart when it's hot outside. Lights, appliances and tools generate heat and make your air conditioner work harder-and that costs you money.
4. **KEEP IT INDOORS.** Whether you're heating or cooling, you don't want our energy going out the door. Caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows frames. Closely check any area where pipes go from the outside of you home to the inside, especially plumbing pipes. And if you have operable storm windows, make sure those are shut, too.
5. **INSTALL LOW-FLOW SHOWER HEADS.** You can reduce your water use by **50%**. And you probably won't even notice the difference.
6. **MAKE SURE YOU DRYER VENT SEALS TIGHTLY.** When the dryer is not in use. If the flapper stays open, cold air from the outside comes into your home through the dryer.
7. **READ YOU LABELS.** Hot water isn't always your best washing option. Many fabrics do best in cold water. And you can always rinse in cold water, even if you wash with hot.
8. **CHECK YOU DUCTS.** Leaky ductwork often accounts for 10-30% of your total heating and cooling costs. And if you're losing **20%** of your total airflow due to leaks, the efficiency of your cooling or heating system can drop by **50%**. For tips on improving your ductwork, visit [energyright.com](http://energyright.com).
9. **INSULATE YOU OUTLETS.** Believe it or not, those tiny holes in your electrical outlets let cold air into your home. You can remove the outlet covers

and insert specially designed insulation pads underneath. Also, put insulating plugs in all outlets that aren't in use.

10. **SWITCH ON THE COMPACT FLUORESCENTS.** Make the switch from incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescents. They use **75%** less energy and last up to ten times longer. That adds up to more light for less money.