

Household Electricity Conservation Tips

Your heating costs typically account for more than 30% of your home's energy bill. This is particularly relevant during the winter months, but we should consider our electricity use all year long.



Replacing incandescent with fluorescent light bulbs saves about \$6 per year, but the average household has over 50 light bulbs, which adds up to significant savings.



Don't over dry your clothes; use your dryer's moisture sensor whenever possible. Dry full loads, or reduce drying time for partial loads.

While using the stove, use the correctly sized pot on burners. A 6" pot on an 8" burner wastes over 40% of the burner's heat.



Set your water heater thermostat to 120°F or lower. This is important for efficiency and safety.



Using a power strip as a central "turn off" switch for electronics will save you significant phantom power for equipment on stand-by, including chargers or power adapters.



Your refrigerator is likely to be one of the largest energy users in your home, and an older model can cost you over \$100 per year more to operate, so consider an upgrade. Also, keep your refrigerator as full as possible.

Opening your curtains during the day takes advantage of solar heat gain and provides natural light to save you electricity.



Your outdoor light is one of the most used light fixtures in your home, and is the ideal place to install a fixture with a motion sensor to save you time and money.

