

Energy Efficiency Tips!

- Use a 40-watt light bulb to light a hallway instead of a 100-watt bulb.
- Air-dry your dishes in your automatic dishwasher by opening up the door when the wash cycle is finished. This will save you half the kilowatts and \$60 annually!
- Install dimmer switches. For a small investment, a dimmer switch can result in up to 10% savings on your annual lighting bills.
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. This can save you 18% on your lighting bill and the bulbs can last up to 9 years!
- Don't leave lights on in unattended rooms. That's money wasted!
- Defrost your freezer manually, not using the built-in automatic option to use 40% less energy.
- Don't leave room fans (not ceiling) running without people in the room to benefit. These fans cool people by making the room FEEL cooler even though it is not.
- Keep your refrigerator full. This helps to hold in the coldness and reduces the number of times the motor needs to draw electricity to maintain temperature.
- Clean your light bulbs so you don't have unnecessary heat loss.
- Cook in a microwave instead of an electric stove to save 75%!
- Close the drapes on cold nights to keep the heat in your home.
- Turn down the temperature on your water heater while you are away on vacation.
- Clear the furnace filter to ensure maximum efficiency!
- Replace each window air conditioning unit with a window fan to save energy. Fans draw less than 200 watts while the window A/C unit may draw more than 10 times that.
- Take "sailor showers" to conserve water – especially hot water. In Phoenix, the residents only turn on the water to wet and rinse during their shower
- Purchase Energy Star appliances when available.
- Air-dry your clothes on a clothesline instead of using a dryer. It eliminates germs and odors as well as 6% of your total home energy cost.
- Clean the HVAC air ducts in your home and clean the unit's filter and coils so they'll be efficient and won't stress the motor to work at capacity.
- Make sure you have the right size ceiling fan for your space. Too small and the air will not circulate properly. Too large and you have wasted energy.
- Set your central air conditioning thermostat to 80°F. Increasing 1°F on the temperature setting results in 4% saving in A/C energy costs.
- Insulate the hot water pipes closest to the water heater to save energy so your entire basement doesn't receive the extra heat.