Energy Saving Tips

You don’t need special equipment to begin saving energy in your home. Look around your home to find leaks where cold air can enter and heat can escape.

**DOOR**

Seal cracks around your door with foam or other weatherstripping where you can see light enter.

Fix your door sweep and threshold so they seal to block water and cold air.

Fix hinges and knobs to keep the door tight.

**WINDOW**

Close storm windows and remove the window AC unit.

Use smoke or a candle to find drafts around windows.

Cover windows with plastic film to block drafts.

Seal the frame with caulk, foam or other weather stripping blocking gaps between the panes or sash.

Hang heavy drapes as insulation.

**WALL**

Caulk cracks in exterior walls, baseboards, and around cables or wires where drafts can enter.

Add foam insulation pads and safety plugs to seal outlets and switch plates. If you have a fireplace, plug the flu or close the damper when not in use.

Use a heat gun to find cold spots to add insulation.
Bleed radiators or clear vents to allow heat to enter a room – do not block heat sources with furniture.

Turn down your thermostat when you leave the house.

Add low-flow aerators to faucets and shower heads to reduce hot water use.

Insulate hot water pipes to prevent heat loss, especially pipes in external walls.

If you control your own boiler or furnace, schedule a yearly inspection to keep it running efficiently.

If you control your own water heater, turn it to a lower setting and wrap it with an insulating blanket.

Seal any cracks in the chimney and fill in any larger holes around the chimney and attic floor or ceiling.

Use expanding foam to seal around ducts, vents or wires in the walls.

Even our insulation where it is thin or missing. Use weatherstripping to make sure your attic door closes tightly and is insulated like the attic floors to block heat from escaping from below.

Seal other cracks in the attic floor especially around the roof edge.

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