





10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills


Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.


1  Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.


2  Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.


3  Turn off lights when not in use.


4  Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.


5  Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.

6  Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.

7  Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.

8  Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.

9  Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.

10  Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

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