

# 5 New Year's Energy Resolutions

**H**ave you made any New Year's resolutions this year? If you did it may have involved stopping a bad habit. You may have some other bad habits you're not even aware of that are costing you money! Take a look at these five resolutions below that can help you save money all year long.

## 1) I will pull the plug

I will unplug electronics like my television, DVR, computer and video game console when not in use. I'll save even more by unplugging battery chargers and items with digital clocks. I could save more than \$175 a year.

## 2) I will dress warmly

I won't keep my home warm like summer. I'll throw on a sweater and maybe a blanket and lower the thermostat. Just turning it from 70 to 68 degrees could save me more than \$184 a year. I'll lower the temperature even more at night or when I'm gone and save even more.

## 3) I will use my ceiling fans

I used the ceiling fans this summer to stay cool. Now I'll wipe off the dust and run them on reverse to bring the warm air down from the ceiling.

## 4) I won't waste money on laundry

I will only wash full loads of laundry and use cold water whenever I can. I'll use the drying sensor setting on my dryer and clean the lint trap before each load.

## 5) I will wash dishes for less

I will review my dishwasher settings before pressing start, and only wash full loads. I won't use pot scrubbing or high heat unless I really need it. I'll shut off heat dry and crack open the door to finish drying the dishes.



## HomE Program Extended

**Money is still available for energy efficiency improvements**

**G**ood News! The HomE Energy Rebate program that began in May of this year has been refunded and money is again available for our members. Members are eligible for up to \$1,500 in rebates!

You must be a member of Menard Electric, live in the home as your primary residence and must not qualify for the Low Income Community Weatherization Program.

How it works: Contact our office to set up a home assessment before you make energy efficiency improvements. We'll verify your eligibility and date your request. The program runs on a first come, first served basis until the money runs out! The cost of the assessment is \$25. We'll conduct them Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. as scheduling allows.

### HomE Rebates

- \$1,500 – Geothermal heat pumps closed loop (14.1 EER or 3.3 COP)
- \$1,500 – Geothermal heat pumps open loop (16.2 EER or 3.6 COP)
- \$1,000 – Air source heat pumps (16 SEER)
- \$350 – Natural Gas or LP furnace (95% efficiency)
- \$350 – Central air conditioner (16 SEER)
- \$250 – Heat pump water heater (2.0 Energy Factor)
- 30% of cost of insulation and weatherization (max of \$500)

*Maximum rebate per household is \$1,500. Insulation and heat pump water heater rebates can be combined with others. Furnace and air conditioner rebates cannot be combined. Rebates will continue until the money is exhausted.*



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