

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

USE SUNLIGHT

to brighten your home during daylight hours instead of using artificial lights.

POWER STRIP

can serve as a central "turn off" point for electronics when not in use.

MICROWAVE

should be used for reheating or cooking small portions which saves cooking energy by as much as 80%.

CLOTHES WASHER

Wash your laundry with cold water whenever possible. Wash full loads only to save water. Adjust water level if you must wash a smaller load. Most washers and detergent work effectively in cold water.

CEILING FANS

Ceiling fans can produce an updraft for the winter and downdraft for the summer to provide comfort. Ceiling fans cool only people, not the room, so turn off when no longer in the room.

STOVE TOP RANGE

Use right size pot on stove burners. A 6" pot on an 8" burner wastes over 40% of the burner's heat. Also, cover pots and pans to keep heat in.

AIR REGISTER

Make sure connections at vents and registers are well-sealed where they meet the floors, walls and ceiling ductwork.

CLOTHES DRYER

Drying same fabrics together will help prevent over drying. Clean lint trap with every load to ensure reduced drying time.

DISHWASHERS

Savings can be achieved by scraping dishes instead of rinsing before placing into dishwasher. Only run dishwasher when enough dirty dishes have accumulated for a full load.

TV/DVD COMBO

Consumer electronics account for about 15% of household electricity. Many still use energy when switched off. ENERGY STAR products help save energy when off.