

Saving Energy is a **Snap**

2014-2015 ENERGY TIPS



SPACE HEATING & COOLING

- Clean and dry areas around your heating and cooling systems.
- Space heaters should be only connected to heavy duty extension cords.
- Vacuum your baseboard heaters to remove dust and debris.
- Measure your indoor humidity and ensure that it is between 30-60%.
- Move furniture closer to interior walls for more heat.
- Block off an unused fireplace with insulation or cardboard.



WATER USE

- Wash clothes in cold water with detergent specific for that temperature.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth to save both water and money.
- Make use of those ice cubes, instead of placing in the garbage, put them on a plant.
- Keep an eye on your water bill. High water use can be one tool to discovering if you have a leak.
- Don't leave water running to rinse dishes. Scrape food into the garbage can or before rinsing washed dishes, place in a dish rack.



LIGHTING

- Only use dimming CFL's in dimming sockets.
- Use timers and photocells that turn the lights off when not in use.
- When remodeling look for recessed light fixtures that are rated for contact with insulation and air tight.
- Decorate with lighter colors that will reflect the daylight or keep curtains open so you can keep the lights turned off.
- Use smaller track lights, table or floor lamps for focused tasks instead of overhead lights.



APPLIANCES

- Let dishes air dry after washing.
- Regularly defrost freezers & refrigerators. More than 1/4 inch of frost decreases the energy efficiency of unit.
- Keep range top burners and reflectors clean.
- Clean the lint screen of clothes dryer after each load. This improves air circulation and prevents fire hazards.
- Air dry clothes on clothes lines or drying racks. You can also put dryer on fluff air cycle.



COMPUTERS

- Put your computer in low power mode and turn it off when not in use.
- Use the power management settings on computers and monitors.
- Laptops use less energy than desktop computers.
- Adjust the monitor's brightness. The brighter it is, the more energy it uses.
- Turn off laptop's Bluetooth or wireless capabilities when not in use.

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