

It's the tract house you made your own, or a custom home, years in the planning. It's a cozy town home you bought when the kids left, or an apartment you crash in after a day at the lake. It doesn't matter. You need to be comfortable at home and it would be nice to save some money doing it.

We've provided you with some easy, cost effective tips that you can implement to make your home that much more efficient.



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no-cost - low-cost
conservation tips

Take Control of your Energy Use



MONEY SAVING
CONSERVATION TIPS

No-Cost Tips

Save 10 to 25 percent
on your energy bill

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.
- In the winter, turn your thermostat down when sleeping or not at home.
- In the summer, turn your thermostat up when sleeping or not at home.
- Set your water heater thermostat to 120°.
- Vacuum the coils underneath and on back of your refrigerator.
- Close foundation vents in the winter months.



Low-Cost Tips

Save an additional
10 to 25 percent

- Change incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs. You can typically save one dollar per month on each bulb changed (For bulbs on four to six hours per day.)
- Caulk windows and weather-strip doors.
- Install water heater blanket. Install water pipe insulation.
- Plant trees and shrubs on south and west sides of residence.
- Fix leaky faucets. Install low-flow showerheads.
- Use ceiling or room fans to keep the air moving.
- Replace furnace and air conditioner filters monthly.

Added-Cost Tips

Save up to an additional
25 percent

- Fully insulate your attic, walls, pipes and air ducts.
- Upgrade your windows to vinyl frame, double-pane units.
- Replace your old appliances with new energy-efficient models.

