

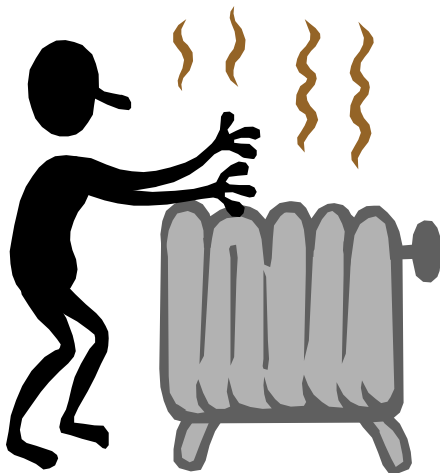
Save Money on Your Home Heating Costs

Insulation

- Ask your contractor or heating professional to check your home's insulation and air duct systems. Poorly sealed ducts can waste 10-30% of your energy!
- Keep the warm air in and the cold air out by adding insulation, caulking and weather-stripping around doors, attic access, windows, outlets and any area that can let the cold air in and the warm air out.
- Lower your water heater temperature to 120 degrees. For even more savings, wrap your water heater with an insulation blanket.



Radiators and Heating Systems



- Move carpet, furniture or other objects away from heating vents and radiators. Blocked vents can affect air circulation and cause an imbalance in a home's heating system.
- Check out newer heating and cooling systems that qualify for the ENERGY STAR label. More than half of the energy in homes goes to furnaces, boilers, and air conditioners. High-efficiency systems can save as much as 40 percent on heating and cooling bills!
- Clean or replace your furnace filter once a month or as necessary.
- Remove leaves, shrubbery, or other objects that may be blocking outdoor portions of your heating system.
- Place heat resistant reflectors between radiators and walls. In the winter, this will help heat the room instead of the wall.



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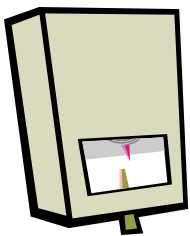
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Window and Doors

- Make sure storm windows are down and secure. Caulk any cracks around the windows.
- Add weather-stripping to drafty doors, including doors into an attic or basement.
- Keep blinds and drapes of sun-exposed windows open in the daytime and closed at night.
- Remove window-based air conditioners after the summer months to prevent heat from escaping through and around the unit. If it cannot be removed, install a cover to prevent drafts.



Thermostats



- Install a programmable ENERGY STAR thermostat that will automatically adjust temperatures throughout the day.
- Lower your thermostat 10 degrees for two, eight hour periods per day which can save 20% on your heating costs.
- Turn down the thermostat by a few degrees during the night or while away from home. This helps to save about \$100 a year!

Fireplaces

- Keep the flue damper tightly closed when the fireplace is not in use.

Ceiling Fans

- Use your ceiling fan in the winter to help circulate the warm air that rises.
- Check if your ceiling fan has a switch which allows you to reverse the motor and operate the ceiling fan at a low speed in the clockwise direction. This will produce a gentle updraft, which forces warm air near the ceiling down to your living space.

