

Energy Checklist



Is your home energy efficient?

People use energy for just about everything. Energy is required to maintain the lifestyles people are accustomed. From heating and doing laundry, to watching television and cooking dinner, energy usage is seemingly unavoidable. One of the biggest issues people and businesses face however, are the high costs associated with using energy. Not only is energy expensive when used in large quantities, it is damaging to the environment. Below is a checklist of what you can do at home to save money on energy costs, while simultaneously saving the environment.

What to do

Facts

Check your home insulation

A properly insulated home will maintain the climate and indoor temperature by plugging leaks, ultimately reducing heating and cooling costs.

Turn off the lights when you leave

It sounds like the easiest thing to do, but it's one of the Hardest to remember. Turning off the lights when you leave the room will decrease your bills, and lower energy usage. Make flipping the switch off a habit.

Use a smart power strip

A common misconception is that when an electronic device is switched off it does not use power. The truth is many devices continue to use energy if they remain plugged in. Smart power strips have features such as timers and motion sensors.

Switch to a programmable thermostat

Save money by programming your thermostat to change during times you are sleeping or away. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, "by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for 8 hours, you can save 5% to 15% a year on your heating bill – a savings of as much as 1% for each degree if the setback period is eight hours long."

Install energy efficient windows

Windows come in all types and designs and it is important to select which type of window will be best for your home. High quality windows can help stop heat loss and can reduce air leakage. A window professional can help you choose the right windows for your needs and install them properly.

Keep refrigerators away from stoves and heating devices

Refrigerators are a major source of energy consumption. If they are placed near heat sources, they require more energy to maintain a cool temperature, which will increase your energy bills.

Lower the temperature of your water heater

Many times the temperature of a water heater comes preset at 140 degrees. The recommended temperature to save energy and remain comfortable is 120 degrees. Lowering the temperature can potentially reduce heating costs by 6 to 10 percent.

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