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50 ENERGY EFFICIENT TIPS TO HELP YOU SAVE MONEY ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

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**Heating and Cooling**
- Lower bill by 3% for every degree that thermostat is lowered in the winter and raised in the summer.
- Recommended thermostat settings:
  - 78 degrees in the summer
  - 68 degrees in the winter
- Use ceiling fans & electric fans to help keep rooms cooler in the summer.
- Use warm clothing & blankets to stay warmer in the winter.
- If using window units & space heaters, only heat or cool rooms being used & close off rooms not being used.
- Do not close off unused rooms that are cooled by forced air systems.
- Reduce humidity.
- Use exhaust fans when cooking & bathing.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Landscape with trees on the east & west sides of the house; plant evergreens to the north to block cold winter winds.
- Drapes & shades with white or reflective backing help control entry of sunlight.
- Keep outside doors closed as much as possible.
- Seal all air leaks.
- Check insulation in the attic.
- Place skirting around mobile homes and above ground homes.
- Change air filters once a month.
- Perform regular maintenance on your heating & cooling unit & have it serviced by a professional annually.
- Do not close supply air registers.

**Water Heating**
- Water heaters should be set on 110-120 degrees or 140 degrees if you have a dishwasher.
- When you go away for vacation or an extended period of time, turn off the water heater.
- Insulate water heater pipes if the unit is exposed to the elements.
- Never run water constantly when shaving, brushing your teeth or washing dishes.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Repair leaky faucets.
- Wash full loads of laundry & dishes.
- Never use hot water when cold water will work just as well.
- Have your water heater checked by a professional annually.

**Lighting**
- Turn the lights off when leaving a room.
- Use lower wattage lights, three way bulbs & dimmer switches.
- Replace outdoor lighting with its equivalent outdoor-rated LED bulbs.
- Use outdoor security lights with photocell and/or motion sensor.
- Do as many household chores during the daylight hours using free natural lighting.
- Repaint walls & ceilings light colors.

**Appliances**
- When shopping for new appliances, look for the Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER); the higher the number the more energy efficient the appliance will be.
- Turn appliances like radios, televisions & computers off when not in use.
- Air-dry clothes & dishes when possible.
- Hang clothes on an outside line when possible.
- Never overload the clothes dryer.
- Dry clothes back to back.
- Dry heavy & light items separately.
- Iron clothes once a week.
- Never refrigerate items that do not require refrigeration.
- Make sure refrigerator and freezer seals fit tightly when doors close.
- Keep the freezer full.
- Keep outside coils clean on your refrigerator.
- Set the refrigerator temperature to 34°-37° and freezer temperature to 0°-5°F.
- Open refrigerator, freezer & oven doors as seldom as possible.
- Use pots the same size as your burner.
- Use more efficient appliances such as microwaves, toaster ovens, electric skillets, etc. instead of your range or oven.
- Clean lint and dust build up from the coils behind your appliances.