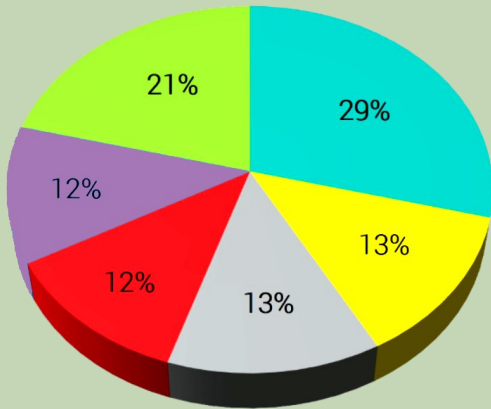


Where Does My Money Go?

Annual energy bill for a typical single family home is \$2060.



Appliances include refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washer and dryer.

Electronics include telephone and external power adapters, consumer electronics (computer, TVs and DVD players), home office equipment and small appliances.

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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 skillet, etc. instead of your range or oven.
- ◆ Clean lint and dust build up from the coils behind your appliances.

