

LOW BUDGET ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Lighting

Replace incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs
Turn off lights in rooms not being used
Turn off lights as you leave a room
Put certain lights on a timer

Water Useage

Turn off hot water in between soaping and rinsing dishes
Take shorter showers
Use a low flow shower head and faucets
Do not run water all the time when brushing teeth
If budget allows use an energy saving dishwasher without a heater element

Energy Saving Appliances

Always invest in energy saving appliances when replacing old appliances

Incorporate an induction cooktop into everyday living-counter top induction cooktops are a low cost investment

Heat Pump Hot Water Heaters

Hang clothes to dry on a dryer rack instead of putting in a dryer

Eliminate an ice cube maker from your refrigerator

Use an electric tea kettle instead of heating water on the stove top

Other Energy Saving Techniques

-Weather stripping around exterior doors
-Insulated shades on windows or window dresser inserts

- Seal cracks in foundation
- Seal space between basement footers and exterior walls
- Place rigid foam in basement windows
- Place timer switch on bathroom fans
- Maximize travel/errand runs to reduce use of fossil fuels or electricity in EV Vehicles
- Set home thermostats at a temperature that can be maintained by the home for long periods of time to reduce running of furnaces and heat pumps-turning down the thermostat at night can use more energy when it needs to come back up to daytime temperature setting
- Change air filters on furnace monthly during high use seasons to increase Efficiency and reduce electric costs by 15%
- Lower water heater temperature to 120 degrees
- Wash clothes in cold water and only run full loads
- Use insulated drapes on windows to reduce drafts
- Close off rooms not being used in the winter
- Clean the coils on your refrigerator and ensure that seals are tight
- Remove/unplug unused refrigerators and freezers