



GOING GREEN SAVING DURING THE WINTER SEASON

WATER HEATER

TURN IT DOWN

Lower your water heater to 120 degrees. It will not have to work as hard and will use less energy. For every ten degree decrease in temperature, water heating costs will drop by approximately 3 - 5 percent.

USE A BLANKET

Wrap the water heater in a water heater insulating blanket and insulate surrounding pipes to reduce the amount of energy used to maintain warm water in the tank.

WINDOWS & DOORS

SOLAR HEAT

Solar heat can conserve energy. Make the most of natural sunlight by opening window coverings on south-facing windows. Close all window coverings at night to retain heat. Cover windows that do not receive direct sunlight to insulate from cold window drafts and retain heat.

CHECK FOR LEAKS

Check all window frames and exterior doors for air leaks and fill them with caulking or weatherstrips. This can help save as much as five percent on your energy bill.

CLEAN AIR TIP!



Instead of polluting indoor air with synthetic air fresheners, use an essential oil diffuser, flowers, or potpourri to add a more natural scent to a room.

HEATING TIPS

BUNDLE UP

Instead of cranking up the heat, wear comfortable layers. Lower the thermostat by just one degree to reduce energy use by three percent.

GET A HUMIDIFIER

Winter months can bring dry air. Moist air feels warmer, so a humidifier can help you feel warmer while the thermostat is set lower.

THE FRIDGE

FILL IT UP

An empty refrigerator does not stay as cool as one that is full. Keeping the refrigerator full helps increase energy efficiency because there is less air to cool.

CREATE THERMAL MASS

When temperatures dip below freezing, place a couple jugs of water outside. Once frozen, place them in the fridge to create thermal mass. This will aid in maintaining a cooler temperature while saving energy.

CLOSE THE DOOR!

For every minute the refrigerator door is open, it takes 3 minutes of energy to cool back down.

WINTER GAS SAVINGS

GET A TUNE UP

Make sure your vehicle is in good running condition to get the best possible gas mileage.

CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE

For every 10 degree drop in the temperature, the air pressure in your tires is reduced by one pound per square foot. Improperly inflated tires waste gas and are unsafe, especially during the winter months.

WEIGH IT DOWN

Place a few bags of kitty litter or sandbags in your trunk during the winter months. The extra weight will assist your vehicle in getting good traction with less effort and energy.