



# WAYS TO SAVE TIPS



## Laundry Room

- Appliances:** When replacing your clothes washer and dryer, look for the ENERGY STAR®.
- Energy-Efficiency Settings:** Make sure your appliances are set to the most energy-efficient options.
- Heating water uses electricity:** By washing your clothes in cold water only, you'll save on heating costs.
- Spin Cycle:** Program a faster spin speed to reduce the amount of drying needed.
- Water:** Use the lowest water setting to save more than 1,200 gallons of water per year.
- Laundry Tips:** Always wait for a full load to run the wash.

Clean the lint trap between loads.

Air dry clothes outside during warmer months or on an inside drying rack.

## Bathroom

- WaterSense:** Chose WaterSense labeled products in your home to save water and help protect the environment.
- Running Water:** Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing your teeth.
  - Showers use less water than baths.
  - Fix any leaky faucets.
- Lighting & Fixtures:** Upgrade your bathroom lighting with ENERGY STAR certified bulbs.
- Ventilation Fans:** ENERGY STAR certified bath fans provide up to 55% better efficiency, increased comfort and less noise.
- Water Heater:** Replace your water heater with an ENERGY STAR certified one.

## Living Room

- Electronics:** When purchasing electronics for your home, always look for the ENERGY STAR.
  - You have energy-efficient electronics and products, so make sure to use them efficiently!
- Heating and Cooling:** During winter, reverse your ceiling fan and lower your thermostat by 5°F. Set your thermostat 2°F higher when using a ceiling fan in the summer for additional savings.
  - Install a smart or a programmable thermostat.
- Don't heat and cool rooms you aren't using:** Change your thermostat settings each season, and use the "vacation" setting on most thermostats when you're away to avoid heating an empty room.
- Power Strips:** Use your gadgets wisely by plugging your electronics into a smart powerstrip.
- Streaming:** Streaming through a notebook or tablet is more energy efficient than using your game console.
- Turn It Off:** Always be sure to turn off lights, fans, and electronics when you leave the room.
- Lighting:** Upgrade your living room lighting with ENERGY STAR certified bulbs.





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## Kitchen

- Appliances:** When replacing existing kitchen appliances, look for products that are ENERGY STAR® certified.
- Cover pots and pans:** This helps to trap heat inside the pot or pan and reduce cooking times by approximately 10%.
- Cooking:** Use your microwave—it's the most efficient (and fastest) means of cooking.  
Keep oven and refrigerator doors closed as much as possible.
- Dishes:** Do not pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher, just scrape excess food into the trash (or compost).
- Lighting:** Upgrade your lighting with ENERGY STAR certified bulbs.

## HVAC

- Air Filters:** Keep your HVAC running efficiently, check and replace your air filter regularly.
- Maintenance:** Have your system checked and serviced by a HVAC professional.
- Replacement:** When replacing your HVAC system, choose an ENERGY STAR Certified one.

## Other Areas

- Insulation:** Check attic insulation. Use the ENERGY STAR tool at [https://www.energystar.gov/newhomes/rule\\_your\\_attic](https://www.energystar.gov/newhomes/rule_your_attic)
- Seal Leaks:** Seal leaks around your home with spray foam, caulk, weather stripping.
- Recycle:** Did you know recycling cans/paper/glass can save about 1300 lbs of GHGS/year.
- Car Maintenance:** Something simple like maintaining your car can save about 800 lbs of GHGS/year.
- Carpool:** Did you know reducing your driving by 20 miles/month can save about 1000 lbs of GHGS/year.
- Reduce, Re-Use:** Use a re-usable water bottle instead of disposable plastic ones.

**FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD TODAY WITH WHAT YOU WILL DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## ENTER TO WIN PRIZES!!!

Each pledge card you fill out, is an entry into a drawing to win great ENERGY STAR certified prizes.

### HOW IT WORKS

1. Think of ways you can save at home or work.
2. Fill out a pledge card - one item per card. Don't forget to put your name on the card.
3. Hand in your pledge card (s).
4. A random drawing will be held and winners will be notified.

