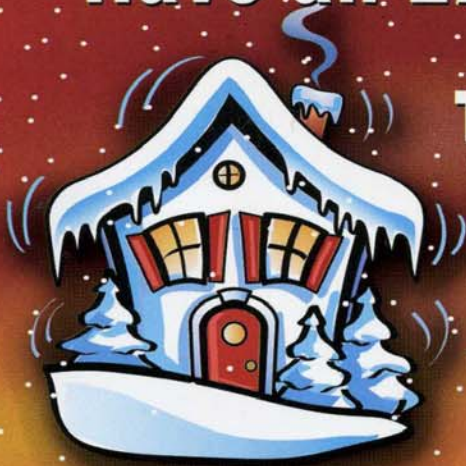


Have an Energy Smart Winter!



The following energy saving steps will reduce your energy consumption and save you money

Weatherize and insulate your home!

- ✓ Make sure your attic is well insulated.
- ✓ Seal cracks around windows and doors.
- ✓ Insulate outside walls, as well as floors over unheated basements and crawl spaces.
- ✓ Choose energy-efficient windows if you are replacing older windows.
- ✓ Insulate and seal heating and cooling ducts - poorly sealed ducts can waste 10 to 30% of your total energy costs.

Have your heating system checked and change your furnace filter!

- ✓ Change filters once a month, or as needed - dirty filters will slow air flow and require your furnace to run longer to heat your home.
- ✓ Have your furnace serviced before each heating season.
- ✓ Shut off heat to any unused storage area and close vents to any unused bedrooms.

Improve the efficiency of your water heater - water heating accounts for 14% of your energy bill!

- ✓ Wrap your hot water tank with an insulating water heating blanket.
- ✓ Insulate hot water pipes with foil-faced fiberglass insulation or foam insulation sleeves.
- ✓ Lower your water temperature to 120° or 140° if you use a dishwasher.

Lower your thermostat when you're not at home!

- ✓ Install a programmable thermostat and set it for 65° or lower at night, and 55° when no one is home.
- ✓ Save 20% or more on your heating costs by lowering your thermostat 10° for two 8-hour periods a day.
- ✓ For each degree you lower the setting, you can save approximately 3% on your heating bills.

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