



# ELECTRIC CONSERVATION TIPS

- Replace the air filters regularly.
- Limit the thermostat control setting for the furnace in the heating season to a maximum of 65°-72° F.
- Limit the thermostat control setting for the air conditioner in the cooling season to a minimum of 78° F.
- Consider installing ceiling fans.
- Close the window shades to keep the afternoon sun's heat out.
- Reduce use of heater water for clothes washing.
- Turn off electric water heater at breaker or set back gas water heater to "pilot," "vacation," or lowest heat setting when your home is vacant for 2 days or more.
- Try using cool water and cool water detergents in your washing machine.
- Set your dishwasher to "air-dry"
- Clean refrigerator and freezer coils at least biannually.
- Check the gasket around your refrigerator door. Close the door on a piece of paper. If the paper slides out easily, adjust or replace the gasket.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer at the right temperature. The refrigerator should be between 38° F and 42° F and the freezer between 0° F and 5° F.
- Be an "Energy Wise" appliance buyer.

**BEWARE!** It is estimated that every household has 10 to 50 Vampire Electronics sucking out electricity. What does that mean? Modern day electronics never really "turn off" in "off" mode. They are more on "stand by", waiting for your next command - another movie, cup of coffee, check email, the list goes on. The combination of these can add as much as one full month of usage onto our bills in one year.

So what can you do? It is simple - take an electronic inventory of your house and unplug the appliances not in use. Phone chargers, electric toothbrushes, computers, etc. Buy power strips so you can turn off many appliances at one time. Be sure to educate all family members. A little due diligence will go along way in saving you money.



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