

EFFICIENCY TIPS & TOOLS

APPLIANCES

DISHWASHERS

- Use cold water if running rinse cycle.
- Air dry your dishes by using the air-dry setting or energy saver option or leave the door open to naturally dry dishes.

FREEZERS

- Keep your freezer at -18°C . Setting your freezer colder than that will use more electricity.
- Maintain a space of 5cm around your freezer so heat will be able to circulate away from the compressor and condensing coil.



MICROWAVES...

use up to **50% LESS ELECTRICITY** than electric stoves.

Consider an **ENERGY STAR®** appliance when shopping for something new.

Take advantage of **TIME-OF-USE** rates to **MANAGE YOUR ELECTRICITY COSTS.**



WASHERS

- Cold-water washes and rinses save a tremendous amount of electricity – **85 TO 90% OF ENERGY USED IS TO HEAT WATER.**



DRYERS

- Keep the lint filter clean to improve efficiency.
- Vacuum the dryer exhaust hose once a year.



HEATING & COOLING

REDUCE HEATING AND COOLING COSTS BY UP TO 10%

With a properly set programmable thermostat.

- Use weatherstripping and door sweeps to seal doors and reduce drafts.
- Close off air registers in any unused areas or rooms.

AIR CONDITIONERS

- When shopping for a new window or central air conditioner (CAC), consider ENERGY STAR® qualified models, which are up to **70% MORE EFFICIENT** than older models.
- Clean or replace your window air conditioning filter monthly. Dirty filters may restrict airflow and reduce efficiency.
- Ceiling fans use less electricity than your air conditioner (AC) and helps keep rooms cool so you can turn the AC down or off.

FURNACES/HEATING

- Have your furnace serviced by an HVAC licensed professional each year to ensure it is operating at maximum efficiency.
- Clean or replace the furnace filter once a month to keep it operating efficiently.
- Insulate heating ducts that travel through unheated areas of your home to prevent heat loss.

PHANTOM POWER

Did you know that electronic devices' left plugged in, even when turned off, still draw power? This is known as **PHANTOM POWER** (or standby power) and it can drain **UP TO 15%** of the devices' energy while turned off. **USE A POWER BAR WITH AN INTEGRATED TIMER OR AUTO-SHUTOFF.**



LIGHTING

- Replace your incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs as they use up to 75% less electricity and lasts up to 10 times longer.
- CFLs come in a variety of colours and are offered in soft white, warm white and cool white. If you want to maintain the yellow/orange light of an incandescent bulb, buy soft or warm CFLs, not cool white.



Replacing **5** incandescent bulbs (60 W) with **13 W CFL** bulbs will typically **SAVE YOU UP TO \$30/YEAR ON ELECTRICITY COSTS.**

- ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures use only 25% the electricity of standard fixtures and distribute light more efficiently and evenly.
- Use indoor lighting controls such as dimmer switches, motion sensors and timers to turn off lights when not in use.

SEASONAL

SPRING/SUMMER

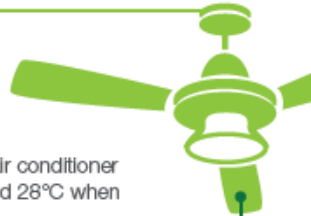
- In the summer, set your central air conditioner for 25°C when you are home, and 28°C when away. Or if you can, turn it off.
- Use outdoor clotheslines instead of your dryer to reduce heat gain in the home and save energy.
- Keep the heat out by closing blinds and curtains during the day.

FALL/WINTER

- In the winter, set the thermostat to 20°C when you are home, and 18°C overnight or when away.

CEILING FANS

Ceiling fans can be used year-round to help you save on heating and cooling costs. In warmer months rotate the blades down to produce a cooling breeze. During colder weather rotate the blades up to move air towards the ceiling dispersing the warm air that accumulates there.



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