



Energy Efficiency Checklist

Free Things That Cost Nothing and Save Cash

	Turn down water heater thermostat to 120 degrees
	Turn off lights when leaving a room
	Set thermostats to 68-70 degrees in winter when you are home, and down to 62 degrees when you go to bed or when you are away. Set thermostats to 76-78 degrees when home and 82 degrees when not home when running the air conditioner in the summer
	Use energy-savings settings on washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, and refrigerators
	Don't waste water, hot or cold, inside or outside your home
	Clean your refrigerator's or freezers condenser coil once a year
	Air-dry your clothes outdoors
	Close heating vents in unused rooms
	Repair leaky faucets and toilets (5% of water "use" is leakage)
	Close drapes (and windows) during sunny summer days and after sunset in the winter
	Remove underused appliances like garage refrigerators from service and have them recycled

Simple And Inexpensive Things That Will Pay For Themselves In Lower Energy Bills In Less Than A Year

	Install a water-saving 2.5-gallon-per-minute shower head (\$15)
	Install water-efficient faucet heads for your kitchen and bathroom sinks (\$2 each)
	Install a programmable thermostat (\$26)
	In the attic and basement, plug the air leaks, and replace and re-putty broken window panes (about \$20)
	Clean or change the air filter on your warm-air heating system during winter and or air conditioning units in the summer (\$2-\$15)
	Install an R-7 or R-11 water heater wrap (\$12)
	Insulate the first six feet of hot and inlet cold water pipes (\$6)
	Install a compact fluorescent light bulb in the fixture you use the most (\$15)

Getting Serious – Measures That Will Cost Up To \$500 And Have Paybacks Of One To Three Years

	Get a comprehensive energy audit, including a blower door test, to identify sources of air infiltration
	Caulk and weatherize all leaks identified by the test. Start with the attic and basement first, then weatherize windows and doors
	Seal and insulate warm-air heating (or cooling) ducts
	Have heating and cooling systems tuned up every year or two
	Install additional faucet aerators, efficient showerheads, and programmable thermostats
	Make insulating shades for your windows, or add insulating storm windows
	Insulate hot water pipes in unheated basements or crawlspaces
	Replace failed appliances with Energy Star models at little incremental cost