Easy Ways to Save on Energy and Water!

By following these quick and easy steps, you can save up to 20% on your electricity bill.

	Save up to 10% on heating and cooling every year! Turn **thermostat** off completely when not home Keep at 68° Fahrenheit in the winter months and 78° Fahrenheit in the summer months
	Unplug your appliances when they're not in use to put $100 back in your pocket! The average American household spends over $100 each year to power appliances and electronics that are turned off, but plugged in.
	Save up to 15% on the energy used by your refrigerator! • Keep refrigerator at 37–40°F and freezer at 0–5°F and minimize door openings • Allow hot foods to cool before refrigerating
	Help your heating and cooling system work less, saving you money! • Close **blinds/curtains** at sundown in winter to prevent 15% of heat loss; open during the day to heat the home • Open windows at night and early morning in summer to capture cooler air
	Switch to **LED light bulbs** to save over $35 per bulb per year. You can find these light bulbs at your local dollar store for $1 plus tax.
	Turning off the sink while brushing your teeth saves over 200 gallons of water a month per person. Think of the savings when you apply this to other activities!
	Save 1,000 gallons of water each month by only running **dishwasher** when it's full. Air dry dishes to save 20% of the machine's energy consumption.
	Washing and rinsing clothes in cold water can save over $200 every year. • Run the **washing machine** only when full • Leave machine door open after using
	Minimize **clothes dryer** use. Line dry clothes to save nearly $50 every year!
	Combining these activities can save you over $10 per light turned off for multiple hours • Turn off **lights** when you leave a room • Use natural light or task lighting to avoid using overhead lights when not needed
	Hot water is expensive. Take shorter **showers** to save $15 per year per person. Turn off water while shaving and shampooing to save about $20 per year per person.
	In the summer, your **oven** makes your home warmer, making your AC work extra hard. Make salads, smoothies and other meals that don't require cooking to save about $5 each month.

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	Plant succulents or other drought resistant **plants** to reduce watering your yard by hundreds of gallons every year.
	Turn off **fans** when you leave a room. Fans only cool what's right in front of it, so turning it off can save a few dollars per fan every month.
	Decrease the temperature on your **water heater** to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, especially in summer. You won't use as much hot water and this change can save you up to $60 each year.
	Put **weather** **stripping** or **caulk** around your windows and doors to prevent air going in and out and decreasing the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems. Caulk costs about $2-3 and you can find a caulk gun for $5, but once this project is complete you'll see 10% - 20% energy savings.