



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Save Money on Your Heating Bill

- Turn down the thermostat. You can save about 3% on your heating bill for every degree that you set back your thermostat.
- Use fans wisely. In just one hour, a hard-working bathroom or kitchen fan can expel a houseful of warm air, according to the Department of Energy.
- Keep the fireplace damper closed. Heat rises, and an open damper is like a hole in the roof.
- Close off seldom-used rooms and shut the vents inside.
- Turn down the water heater. Lowering the temperature of water in the water heater to 115-120 degrees reduces power use often without a noticeable difference to the user.
- Keep heating vents clear. Vents blocked by rugs and furniture prevent heated air from circulating efficiently.
- Use curtains. Opening curtains and shades on south-facing windows during the day allows solar radiation to warm a living space; closing all curtains at night helps retard the escape of that heat.

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