

1. Get a home energy audit once every other year. Contact your power company for home energy auditors and to find ways to cut costs. You can also visit our [helpful links](#) section for government websites that can assist you with a home energy audit.
2. Insulating your attic and crawlspaces is a huge energy saver. You can also consider replacing old insulation with more energy-efficient, preferably with a resistance rating of R-21 to R-30.
3. By simply turning down your home thermostat two degrees, you can save 24 kilowatt hours a month. You may not appear to be a big difference in just one bill, but you will see the difference start to add up.
4. If you have a programmable thermostat, and if your home is vacant most of the day; Set the thermostat to turn on a half hour before anyone arrives home.
5. Need more heat? Adjust your thermostat to a comfortable temperature and wait. Turning your thermostat up or down dramatically wastes energy and increases your heating costs.
6. Lower your hot water thermostat 10 degrees, but no lower than 120 degrees. You'll still get all the hot water you need and save 25 kilowatt hours a month.
7. Fix any leaky faucets you may have. Losing warm water can add up quickly; one drip a second is 20 kilowatts a month.
8. Using weather-stripping kits on drafty doors and windows will help keep your house warmer and your heating costs down.
9. Compact fluorescent bulbs may cost a bit more upfront than standard incandescent bulbs. The reality is they are more energy-efficient, last for years instead of months and consume much less power. They also generate less heat.
10. Seal energy leaks. Caulk over cracks and small holes around windows and exterior walls. Look carefully around plumbing pipes, telephone wires, dryer vents, sink and bathtub drains and under countertops.