

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Energy conservation tips:

- Clean or replace furnace air filters and have your heating system inspected and tuned by a qualified service professional
- Check for drafts around doors and windows, and replace weather stripping where necessary. Use weather stripping for air leaks around windows and doors. Use caulk around door and window frames. Caulk that is cracked or shrunken should be replaced.
- Make sure all windows and storm windows are closed and latched.
- Clean and vacuum baseboard heaters, heating ducts, radiators and vents. Also be sure that furniture, drapes and other items are not blocking radiators and vents.
- Don't run ventilation fans in bathrooms kitchens any longer than necessary, as they suck heated air from the home.
- Turn down the heat. For every one degree you lower your thermostat will lower your heating cost. When away from the home or asleep, set your thermostat at 55 degrees.
- Insulate and weather strip your attic door and make sure it closes tightly, stopping warm air from escaping.
- Install inexpensive foam draft blockers or gaskets around all electric outlets and wall switch boxes located on outside walls.
- Keep the damper on your fireplace closed when not in use. When using your fireplace, remember to turn down the thermostat.
- Lower the temperature on your water heater. For normal household needs, 120 degrees is sufficient.
- Dry full loads in your clothes dryer, keep the lint screen clean and don't over-dry your clothes.
- Close off unused rooms in your house.