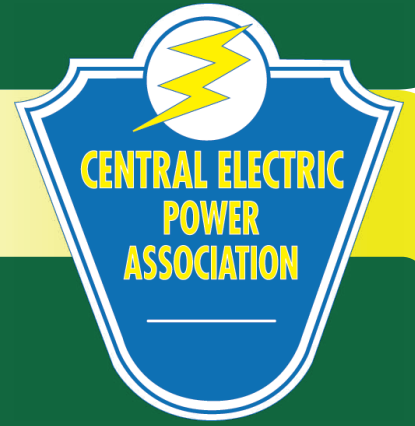


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Energy Saving Tips energyright solutions

- * Caulk and weather-strip around windows and doors to stop air leaks.
- * Seal gaps in floors and walls around pipes and electrical wiring
- * Change air filters monthly
- * Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent - they use 75% less energy and last 10 times longer
- * Install aerating, low-flow faucets and showerheads
- * Fix any leaky faucets - one drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month
- * Tune-up your heating and cooling system annually to keep it running as efficiently as possible
- * Have your ductwork inspected and repair any leaks
- * Add insulation to your attic, crawl space and any accessible exterior walls
- * Wrap your water heater with insulation or install an insulating blanket
- * Look for ENERGY STAR label when replacing large or small appliances
- * Use power strips for home electronics and turn off power strips when equipment is not in use
- * Replace worn-out seals on your refrigerator and freezer
- * Perform a do-it-yourself home energy audit. Online and paper versions are available. Call your local Central Electric Power Association office to request one or visit www.energyright.com/audit_kit.htm to get started now
- * Reduce hot water use by taking shorter showers and using cold water for the rinse cycle in your washer

- * Turn off lights, televisions and other appliances when not in use
- * Clean refrigerator coils regularly to keep compressor running efficiently
- * Set the refrigerator temperature at 36 to 39 degrees Fahrenheit and freezers at 0 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit
- * Use the microwave when possible - it cooks faster and doesn't create as much heat as a stove burner
- * Air-dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's heat drying option
- * Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only when full
- * Match the size of your pot or pan to the size of the burner
- * Make sure your dryer's outside vent is clear and clean the lint filter after every load
- * Keep all windows and doors located near your thermostat closed tightly
- * Keep heat sources such as lamps and appliances away from your thermostat
- * Consider replacing your older model refrigerator, especially if it is over 10 years old, with an ENERGY STAR refrigerator
- * Install foam gaskets behind electric-outlet and switch-plate covers
- * Dry one load of clothes immediately after another to minimize heat loss
- * Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator before cooking
- * Use the oven light to check on progress when cooking or baking (do not open the oven)
- * Use low-watt bulbs where lighting is not critical
- * Place floor lamps and hanging lamps in corners. The reflection off the walls will give you more light
- * Turn off outside lights during the day. Try timer switches or photoelectric controls if the finger method is a bother
- * Keep your freezer full. The fuller the freezer, the less cold air you lose when opening the door
- * Use the self-cleaning cycle of your oven right after you finish baking. That will give it a head start in heating up
- * Hang on to appliance manuals so you can refer to them for care information and possible energy-saving tips