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October is **National Energy** Awareness Month

Energy conservation is good for all of us. Using energy wisely can help reduce costs and conserve our natural resources. And, no matter what type of home you live in, there are many ways to start saving energy now.

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In the Pacific Northwest, noticeably cooler outdoor temperatures typically arrive in October.

It's usually around this time that we can find ourselves surprised and even confused — when we open our energy bills, that's because during colder months, home heating can account for 40% to 60% of our monthly energy use. Here are a few things you can do to save energy this

- **Check your thermostat.** Reducing the temperature by just three degrees during cool months can result in energy savings of approximately 10%.
- Set your tanked water heater at no more than 120 degrees. When it's cold outside, water heaters use more energy to keep the water inside hot and can account for nearly 14% of monthly energy use.
- Swap out incandescent or CFL lightbulbs for energy efficient LEDs. LEDs use up to 90% less energy and can put out even brighter light than older lighting options – important, as daylight hours decrease.
- Seal cracks and gaps around doors and windows to reduce home heat loss. Removable rope caulk is a great option for temporary areas, while tube caulk and weatherstripping provide more permanent solutions.

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