



Take control of your winter energy bill.



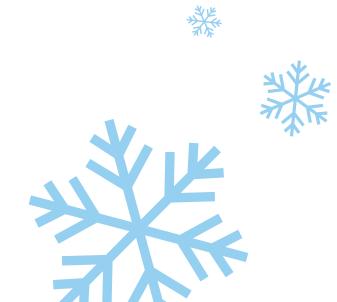






Lower winter temperatures can mean higher heating bills.

Learn what affects your energy usage so you can make adjustments to save.



## Be mindful of temperature settings.

- Set your thermostat at 68° when home
- Reduce your heat a few degrees at night or when away
- Install a programmable smart thermostat

Turning your thermostat down just 3 degrees can reduce energy usage by 10%.



Help your heating equipment operate efficiently.

Clean or replace furnace filters every 1-2 months during the winter to maintain proper air flow

> A 1/4" gap at the bottom of a door is equivalent to a softball-sized hole in the wall. Install a door sweep to stop drafts.

**Hot Wate** 

14%

Heating your home can account for over half your monthly winter energy bill.

Heat 50% or mo<u>re</u>

Other

Keep cold air out and warm air in.

- Caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors with drafts or visible daylight
- Seal and insulate exposed ductwork
- Open curtains on south-facing windows to allow warm sunlight into your home





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## Use hot water wisely.

A long, hot shower may feel good on a cold winter day, but the added energy costs won't. Luckily, there are ways you can save.

> Just one drop per second from a leaky faucet can waste 2,500 gallons of hot water each year.



- Lower your hot water temperature to 120°F for maximum efficiency
- Keep showers short. Five minutes or less is best
- Install a low-flow showerhead to reduce hot water costs by as much as 50%

# Use baseboard and space heaters properly.

Baseboard and portable space heaters can be costly to use. With supplemental and zone heating practices, you can improve their efficiency and affordability. Use space heaters for
supplemental heat and only in occupied areas.
Continuous use of just one small, 1500-watt heater can cost over \$100 per month.

#### Practice zone heating by turning down baseboard heat and closing doors in unused rooms

- Adjust baseboard thermostats to desired temperatures in occupied areas only
- Clean baseboard dust buildup monthly and remove obstructions, such as drapes and furniture

### More savings.

- When not in use, shut your fireplace damper to prevent 25% of your heat from escaping up the chimney
- Make sure to use LED holiday lights. The energy used by one regular bulb can power 140 LEDs



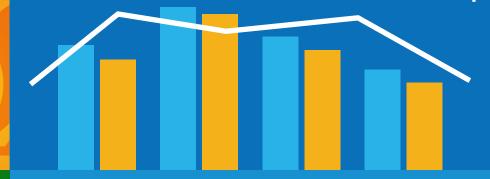
Entertaining and staying comfortable during school breaks can increase your energy bill due to extra cooking, showers, laundry and more.



Your monthly energy bill can vary due to the length of each billing cycle, which ranges from 27 to 35 days.

# **Online Bill Analyzer**

Visit our website for tools to help you manage your energy usage.



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