

SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE ENERGY

- 1) Run dishwasher and clothes washer when full to maximize efficiency.
- 2) Wash clothes in cold water to save on cost of heating water.
- 3) Close window shades and blinds to keep out sun and heat in summer months. Open shades to bring in warm rays in winter.
- 4) Turn off indoor lights on sunny days and use natural light to cut home lighting expenses.
- 5) Turn off air conditioner and open windows to allow for natural ventilation on cool nights in the summer.
- 6) Keep your house warmer than normal when away in the summer. When home, www.energy.gov says the best temp for cooling is 78 degrees.
- 7) Unplug electronic devices and small appliances when not in use to avoid "phantom" energy loss.
- 8) Clean filters on furnace and A/C regularly to keep them running efficiently.
- 9) Use toaster oven, microwave or grill to prepare food instead of range or oven during heat waves.
- 10) Look for the ENERGY STAR label – the widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency – when replacing appliances.

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