



Saving Energy at Home & Work in our Public Power Community.

As a resident of this great community, you receive your electricity from a publically-owned utility. You are part of the long tradition of public power in the United States. For more than 130 years, public power cities and towns have been delivering a vital service to the American economy.

Here are simple steps to take at home and work to reduce your energy consumption and utility bills.

10 Easy Ways for Real Savings on Home Energy Bills

1. Turn lights, appliances, and electronics off when they are not in use.
2. Replace incandescent light bulbs with high-efficiency, compact fluorescent lamps.
3. Install a programmable thermostat, to adjust the temperature when you are at work or asleep.
4. Regularly change or clean filters in heating and cooling equipment.
5. Use ceiling fans, to raise air conditioning settings in the summer with no loss of comfort.
6. Control direct sunlight through windows, letting in warmth in the winter and blocking out heat in the summer.
7. Perform basic weatherization. Repair holes and cracks that let in drafts and install weather-stripping or caulking around doors and windows.
8. Wash most clothes in cold water and always rinse in cold.
9. Don't over dry your clothes. Clean the lint trap after every load.
10. If you have an old refrigerator or freezer that you barely use, unplug it. Keep the condenser coils on your regular refrigerator clean and well ventilated.

10 Ways to Save at Work Too

1. Turn lights, computers, and other equipment off when they are not in use.
2. Share your enthusiasm for saving energy with workers and customers, posting energy-saving tips around the office.
3. Regularly change or clean filters in heating, ventilating, and cooling (HVAC) equipment.
4. Have a contractor clean and tune your HVAC system annually.
5. Use fans whenever possible, to gently move room air, add comfort, and save energy.
6. When replacing lights, use compact fluorescent lamps in place of incandescent bulbs and use lower-wattage fluorescent tubes in place of old fluorescent tubes. Compact fluorescent lamps last up to 10 times longer and use a fraction of the energy.
7. If you have exit signs, switch to light-emitting diode (LED) signs.
8. Control direct sunlight through windows, to block out heat in the summer and welcome the warmth in the winter.
9. Perform basic weatherization around the premises, repairing holes and cracks that let leaking air work against your heating and air conditioning systems.
10. Save water to save energy. Water-saving measures, from fixing leaky faucets and toilets to adding water-saving showerheads and aerators, will pay you back on your water bills and by saving on hot water heating.

There's Much More

These checklists are just the tip of the iceberg. There are many additional strategies for saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Ask us for more information so we can work together to make your home and business more energy efficient.

Take pride in being a public power community. We take pride in serving you.