



SAVE ENERGY AND STAY WARM THIS WINTER

Save money while keeping your home comfortable.

Install a programmable thermostat	It's easy to install, and you'll save up to 15 per cent on your home heating bills if you program it to 20 degrees for when you're home and 17 when out or asleep.
Wear a sweater-it's way better	Instead of cranking up the heat, put on a sweater. Not only will you feel cozy, it's another way to save money on your heating bills.
Caulk the cracks and strip the gaps	If you have fixed, single pane windows, caulk the interior side where the sash meets the frame as well as where the trim meets the wall. For exterior doors and windows that open, use weatherstripping where the two surfaces meet.
Close the door and save some more	Keep doors and windows shut when it's cold outside to prevent heat escaping from your house.
Change the filter	Replace your furnace filter every three to six months; more if you smoke or have pets. It will help protect the furnace and prevent the fan motor from overheating.
Insulate the plate	Insulate electrical switch plates on exterior walls with high-density foam sealers to keep out drafts.
Ground the pilot	If your gas fireplace has a standing pilot light, turn it off in the summer and save approximately \$7 every month on your natural gas bill.
Two windows for the price of one	If your windows are single pane, purchase inexpensive window film that attaches with double-sided tape to the interior frame and shrink with a blow dryer. The film acts as a second pane, helping to keep the drafts out and the heat in.

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