

Quick Energy Saving Tips

- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs with the Energy Star® label.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

Home Energy Conservation Program: Client Education

For More Energy Saving Tips, Please Visit...

- www.EnergySavers.gov
- www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips
- www.energystar.gov
- www.huduser.org/publications/destech/saveEnergy.html



IBA Home Energy Conservation Program

Welcome

Thank you for participating in the Home Energy Conservation Program. It is the Indiana Builders Association's hope that measures installed and improved on your dwelling will result in long-term savings through decreased energy costs. The program strives to help reduce Indiana's overall energy consumption while making long lasting improvements.

Even after the work has been completed on your dwelling, there are many tips you can use to further reduce costs and are included in this informational brochure.

Ways to Save on Your Energy Bill

- Turn off the lights.
- If you will be away from home, turn down the thermostat. If there is no risk of freezing, you can turn it off completely while away.
- Fix leaky water faucets.

Laundry

- Wash laundry with cold water, instead of hot water.
- Dry laundry on a warm setting, instead of hot.
- Clean the lint filter after each load of laundry.
- Hang clothes outside to dry in sunny weather.

Kitchen

- Avoid putting hot foods into the freezer or refrigerator. Wait until food has cooled to room temperature.
- The freezer works more efficiently when full. Add jugs or containers filled with water to take up space if needed. If you have a second fridge, unplug it.
- Wash only full loads of dishes. It costs exactly the same to wash one dish as it does to wash a full load of dishes.
- Use microwaves and crockpots to cook small meals. They use less energy than the stove or oven.

Ways to Save on Your Energy Bill (continued)

Appliances

- Oversized appliances waste energy. Choose an extra-large dishwasher or fridge only if you have a large family that needs it.
- Never use unvented gas appliances.

Heating

- Install a programmable thermostat –used properly, they can save up to \$150 a year, according to Energy Star.
- Turn down the thermostat five degrees.
- Make sure windows are fully closed and locked before running the furnace.
- Check filters. Forced-air furnaces and heat pumps have filters that need to be cleaned or replaced monthly.
- Move furniture, drapes, or other items blocking air vents, radiators and registers to allow circulation.
- Never use the stove to heat your home. It's very dangerous! Stoves are not designed to heat large areas –doing so lets toxic chemicals into your home and is a fire hazard.

How We Use Energy in Our Homes

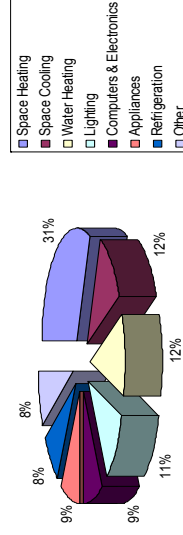


Figure 1Source: 2007 Buildings Energy Data Book, Table 4.2.1, 2005 Energy Cost Data