

Keep H.E.A.T. Inside

Winter is upon us and we are all looking for ways to reduce our energy bills. ENERGY STAR has a new web site that is full of energy conservation tips that can save you money on energy bills while helping to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

ENERGY STAR advises homeowners to H.E.A.T. efficiently with these four key tips:

Home Sealing – Reduce home energy costs year-round by sealing air leaks and adding insulation. Pay special attention to your attic and basement, where the biggest gaps and cracks are often found. Keep warm air inside where it belongs and help your equipment perform more efficiently.

Equipment Maintenance – Keep your equipment maintained, dirt and neglect are the top two causes of system failure. Get a check up to make sure all is working safely and efficiently. Clean or replace your air filter regularly to lower energy bills and help with indoor air quality.

Ask for ENERGY STAR Products – Look for the “ENERGY STAR” symbol when purchasing products such as light fixtures, heating and cooling equipment, windows and more. They are the most energy-efficient products and will help you save money on energy bills.

Thermostat Use – Install a programmable thermostat to save energy all day, whether you’re home or away. The pre-programmed settings will scale back temperatures at night or while you are at work and back up when you wake up or return home. When used properly, a programmable thermostat can save you up to \$150 a year in energy costs.

Explore the ENERGY STAR home interactive tools for advice and energy-efficient home improvement ideas. By following these tips you can save as much as 20% annually on your total energy costs, reduce your impact to the environment and help you stay comfortable in your home.

Go to www.energystar.gov for more information!

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