

30 tips to save energy at home

There are many ways to save energy at home and money on your monthly bill. Plus, with the Entergy Summer Saver Challenge, you can earn bonus rewards for saving energy. Here's a list of QUICK WINS, SMART HABITS and BIG SAVINGS to help you get started.



QUICK WINS

Replace all light bulbs with LEDs that use up to 90% less energy and last 15 times longer. Don't forget outdoor lights.

Keep cooling vents open for best performance. Closing vents makes your air conditioning system work harder.

Use power management settings on your computer. Set your computer to turn off or "sleep" after 5-10 minutes of inactivity.

Set your water heater temperature to 120 degrees. This is the most energy-efficient temperature while meeting the CDC's recommended set point for avoiding harmful bacteria in your system.

Seal air leaks on windows and doors. Keep out the summer heat and humidity. Caulk your windows and add weather stripping around your doors to keep your cool air from escaping. Inspect your doors and windows for gaps every year.

Keep lamps or TVs away from your air conditioner thermostat. The extra heat can trick your A/C into thinking it needs to run more, which wastes energy.

Use an advanced power strip for electronics to automatically turn off power to devices that aren't in use. Visit [Entergy Solutions Marketplace](#) for deals on power strips.

Add insulation around your water pipes. If the pipes are hot to the touch, you're losing heat. Start at the water heater, and insulate any visible and reachable piping.

Reduce filtration time on pool pumps to six hours per day and use a timer to control the pump's cycles.



SMART HABITS

Try setting the air conditioner to 78 degrees or higher in the summer. Each degree can save 1-3% on your energy costs.

Turn up the temperature on your A/C a few degrees when leaving home for a few hours or more. Each degree can help you save on your entire energy bill. Lower the temperature again when you return. If you don't have one, a programmable or smart thermostat makes it easy to set the temperature back.

Use ceiling fans to create a wind chill and push warm air up, instead of cranking up the air conditioner. The breeze from a ceiling fan will cool you down and keep you comfortable even when you set your thermostat higher. Be sure to turn off fans when you leave the room to avoid energy waste.

Replace or clean air conditioner filters once a month during the summer. Whether you have a central or room air conditioner or both, it will improve your unit's performance and indoor air quality.

Close your curtains or blinds to keep the sun's heat out. Covering windows—particularly south-facing windows—during the day reduces the amount of energy needed to cool your home.

Cook outside to avoid heat buildup in your kitchen. Cooking with your stove and oven can make your home warmer, forcing your A/C to work harder. Grill outside to enjoy the outdoors while saving energy.

Run a full dishwasher cycle instead of handwashing dishes. Newer dishwashers, particularly ENERGY STAR® certified models, use less than half the energy of handwashing dishes in a single cycle. Dishwashers also allow for improved disinfection compared to handwashing.

Skip the heated dry cycle on your dishwasher. Open the door to let dishes air dry.

Run full loads of laundry. Your dryer runs more efficiently with a full load of clothes because it is more properly balanced. Your washer will use about the same amount of energy no matter the size of the load, so fill it up to avoid wasting energy.

Avoid over-drying your clothes. Manually turn off. Newer dryers now have a moisture control sensor that can be used to turn off automatically when the moisture is gone.

Hang clothes to dry, and skip the dryer. Hanging your clothes saves energy and reduces wear and tear on your clothes, helping to preserve them.

Use game consoles for gaming and dedicated digital media player for streaming. A game console uses 15 times more energy than a digital media player.

Set your room air conditioner fan speed to low on humid days. Slower air movement removes more moisture.



Get a programmable or smart thermostat. Heating and cooling accounts for nearly half of the average household's yearly total energy use. Programmable thermostats make it easy to reduce those costs and keep your home comfortable.

Shop the [Entergy Solutions Marketplace](#) for instant discounts on smart thermostats, power strips, lighting and more.

Upgrade your room air conditioner to an ENERGY STAR® certified unit, and make sure to get the right size BTU for your room. Entergy offers [up to a \\$50 incentive](#) on select models.

Get a no-cost air conditioner tune-up to keep your system running at peak performance.

Replace heating and cooling systems that are more than 10 years old. Entergy offers [up to \\$1,100 in incentives](#) for new high-efficiency systems.

Home weatherization upgrades like duct sealing, air sealing and ceiling insulation are now available through the [Entergy Solutions program](#). Schedule your appointment today.

Choose a high efficiency pool pump that is the right size for your pool. ENERGY STAR® certified models use up to 65% less energy, and you can get [up to a \\$400 incentive](#) from Entergy.

Schedule a home energy audit through the [Residential Energy Audit and Direct Install Program](#). A variety of free energy-saving items such as LED light bulbs and more will be installed.



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