



RESIDENT ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS

Here are a few simple things you can do to help reduce **ELECTRICITY** usage in your home...

Lighting

- Take a good look at how you and your family are using lights and turn off any that are not being used.
- Take advantage of daylight and open blinds during the day.
- When you can, replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) or LED bulbs. A CFL bulb lasts up to 7 times longer and uses 70% less electricity than an incandescent bulb. LED bulbs are even more efficient: lasting up to 20 times longer, using 80% less electricity.



Appliances

- Unplug smaller appliances when not being used: crock pot, rice cooker, toaster, blender, coffee maker, iron, blow dryer, shaver, etc. According to the US Department of Energy, unplugging unused devices can reduce your energy usage by 5% to 10%.
- Refrigerators are one of the biggest energy drainers in the home, so make sure to limit the amount of time the door is open. A refrigerator with an open door is working harder because it's trying to cool an entire room!
- If you have a dishwasher, wait until it is full to run it—that saves water, too! Also, using the "air dry" setting uses less electricity than the "heated dry" setting.
- Wash and dry full loads of laundry to optimize usage. Using cold or cooler water also reduces the energy needed to heat water for washing.

Electronics

- Use power strips for devices like TVs, cable/satellite boxes, sound systems, stereos, gaming systems, computers and modems and turn them off at the power strip to help stop wasted electricity. Don't forget to keep your DVR powered: you don't want to miss your favorite shows!
- Rechargeable devices are a huge energy waster if the transformers are left plugged in, so be sure to unplug them after your device or batteries are fully charged.

Heating

- Check to make sure all of your windows and doors are closing properly to make sure your home is as weathertight as possible. Give Maintenance a call if you believe they are not closing properly.
- Keep your heater temperature at a reasonable/comfortable setting to maximize efficiency and reduce waste.
- If you have a furnace make sure to regularly change the filter to help keep it working efficiently.

If you have any questions or concerns you can always call your Neighborhood Management Office: **NBK**: (360)598-5831; **TL**: (360)394-7304; **NSE**: (877)245-7370; **NASWI**: (360)679-4241

