

Energy Saving Facts

Energy Recommendations for your home can save you money on energy and appliance and lighting repairs and replacement.

Keep hot water temperature on your hot water heater set for 120 degrees, and use a thermal blanket wrap to add additional insulation to prevent excessive heat loss.

Use a programmable thermostat, or get one if you do not currently have one. Set it to set back air temperature in unoccupied times at your home to 80 degrees during the day time. Then set it to return to your normal home temperature about one hour before you return home.

Use ceiling fans and raise your houses normal temperature by about two degrees. You won't notice the difference do to the constant air movement.

Use compact flourcent lights everywhere you can instead of incandescents. They now have available high

efficient lights for your ceiling fans light kits use them as well. Install dust to dawn light fixtures on the outside of your house with the CFL's. You can even buy light kits with dust to dawn and motion detectors so the lights will only come on when motion is detected, as if someone comes to your front door.

Install solar screens or a good window film on your windows this will greatly reduce the amount of heat added to the inside of your home from the sun. Ensure your windows are all well caulked and the window seals themselves are in good shape.

Use higher efficiency filters on you indoor air unit to help keep you home pollutants down as well as keep your evaporator coil and fan clean. This is essential for proper heat transfer and good unit efficiency.

Have you're A/C serviced once a year to ensure the outdoor coil on your condensing unit is clean and getting

proper heat transfer. As well as checking the indoor coil and fan wheel for cleanliness. They should also check your other operating components and your refrigerant level if necessary to keep your unit running at the highest EER possible. This will well pay for the cost of this service during the course of the year. Make sure your use a reliable A/C dealer who is properly State licensed.

Use low flow water devices on your sinks, showers, and toilets to save water consumption. Also, consider watering your yards and plants during the cool part of the evenings to prevent losing water to evaporation. Watch for water runoff, don't over water!

Always purchase Energy Star rated products for you home! Check for the Energy Star Label.

Using these tips will save you 20 to 30 percent on you annual utility bills, money well saved.