



Simple Home Energy Tips:

Save \$500* or more - and help save the planet!

PennEnvironment and the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) are excited to team up to bring you this helpful guide for reducing your energy use. Improving your home's energy efficiency is a great way to lower your energy bills and your climate-warming emissions. These small changes and swaps add up to make a huge difference!



Wash your clothes in cold water:

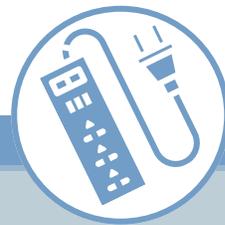
Cold wash cycles use up to 90% less energy and help keep the colors of clothes brighter for longer. **Energy bill savings: \$250 a year.**



Replace old light bulbs with modern LED light bulbs:

LED light bulbs use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer. **Energy bill savings: \$8 a year for each bulb.**

All together these tips can reduce your carbon footprint by 5 tons of carbon dioxide emissions - the equivalent of taking a car off the road for a year!



Unplug appliances when you aren't using them or use a power strip:

Electricity used by appliances when not in use - and even turned off, but plugged in - accounts for 5% to 10% of a household's energy use. **Energy bill savings: up to \$200 a year.**



Clean your dryer's lint filter after every load:

Cleaning the lint filter reduces energy consumption by 30% and reduces strain - helping your machine last longer. **Energy bill savings: up to \$50 a year.**



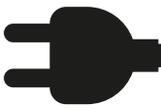
Hang your clothes on a line or rack to dry:

Air-drying clothes reduces a household's energy use by up to 12% and helps extend the life of your clothes. **Energy bill savings: up to \$200 a year.**



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Set your water heater to 120 degrees:

Lowering the temperature of your water heater and properly insulated it can reduce your energy consumption by up to 22%. **Energy bill savings: up to \$400 a year.**



Switch to an efficient shower head:

Replacing old shower heads with efficient options can reduce energy usage by up to 25% and reduce your water usage. **Energy bill savings: up to \$60 a year.**



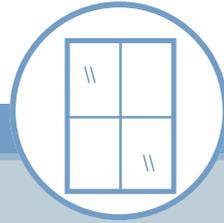
Let your dishes air dry:

Reduce energy usage by up to 15%, save water as well by scraping dishes instead of rinsing them and only running your dishwasher with a full load. **Energy bill savings: \$10 a year.**



Seal air leaks around windows and doors with caulk, weatherstripping:

Seal all seams, cracks, and openings to the outside to stop air leaks and save 10-20% on your heating and cooling bills. And remove or tightly enclose window A/C units during winter to prevent heated air from escaping outside. **Energy bill savings: \$275 a year.**



Shut window shades to use less AC and heat:

Well fitting window shades and films can reduce heat loss in winter and keep your home cool in summer, reducing energy use by about 10%. Open shades when it's sunny in winter to warm your home with the sun - especially if snow is on the ground. **Energy bill savings: up to \$175 a year.**



Other ways to take action and make change:

Check out our **Clean Energy Toolkit** cleanenergyhome.org to learn how you can tap into the rebates and incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act to weatherize and electrify your home!



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