

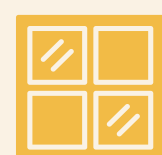


EVERYDAY TIPS TO HELP CUT ELECTRICITY COSTS



Save energy. Save money. Follow these tips to reduce the amount of energy you use. Doing so can lower how much you spend on electricity bills.

Heating and Cooling



Keep windows closed when the air conditioning or heat is on



Closing windows helps keep the cooled or heated air from escaping your home. If you feel a draft with the window closed, let your property manager know.



Give equipment like heat pumps more space



Air conditioning and heating equipment work best when the area nearby is open. This increases air circulation and improves system efficiency.



Regularly check and clean HVAC filters



Clogged filters reduce airflow and decrease equipment efficiency. If you notice your equipment isn't functioning properly, ask your property manager to check the filter.



Appliances, Devices, and Technology



Unplug technology when not in use



Electronics, chargers, and appliances use energy even when turned off. You can unplug devices when not in use or use power strips to help save energy.



Wash laundry with cold water



Using cold water for laundry is a win-win: You can save money on energy costs, and cold water is also gentler on clothes than hot water, helping them last longer.



Set your dishwasher to air dry



The air-dry, no-heat setting uses room temperature air to dry dishes, using less energy and helping you save on electricity bills. This can also help keep your home cooler.



Good Habits Year Round



Limit opening the oven while in use



Keeping the oven door closed helps keep the oven temperature stable and reduces the amount of energy needed to heat it. Plus, your kitchen won't heat up as much.



Let food cool before putting it in the refrigerator



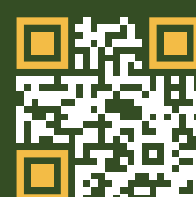
Putting hot food right into the fridge can increase the fridge temperature and use more energy to readjust.



Air dry clothes instead of using a dryer



You can use less energy by skipping the clothes dryer and hanging clothes to dry instead. If you use the dryer, try not to overfill as it will take longer for the clothes dry.



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