

Energy-saving tips for the winter holidays

Post-holiday energy bills tend to be higher than in previous months due to the increased use of appliances and lighting, water and heating consumption. Here are a few tips to help keep your home warm and inviting, and reduce energy costs.



1. Limit your festive lights display

Connect light strings and other lighted decorations to a timer that turns them on at dark — when they are most visible — and off at bedtime.



2. Switch to LED lights

LED lights use up to 70% less energy and last 10 times longer than traditional bulbs, plus they are eco-friendly.



3. Adjust your thermostat

By setting your thermostat 3–5 degrees below normal you can maintain a level of comfort and save money — an estimated savings of about 1% for each degree of thermostat adjustment per 8 hours.



4. Don't sweat out your house guests

Turn your thermostat down when company arrives. The heat energy generated by your cooking appliances, lights and guests can increase the temperature in your home.