

Heating Tips for Renters

- Control your thermostat setting. The temperature at which you set the thermostat will affect your energy savings.
- In the summer, raise your thermostat setting.
- On sunny winter days, open blinds, shades, and curtains, especially if your windows face south, to help keep you warm. At night, close the blinds, shades, and curtains to help keep heat inside. In the summer keep heat out by closing window shades and blinds. It's helpful to keep windows closed to prevent hot air from blowing inside.
- Change the filters in your heating and cooling system regularly.
- Weather-strip doors and caulk windows.
- Ensure that your home has proper ventilation
- Insulate your water heater if it's an older unit and in an unconditioned space.
- Use warm rather than hot setting when drying clothes.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Clean dryer filter after each load.
- Cook everything at once and use pots that fit the burners.
- Clean refrigerator coils annually.
- Let food cool before putting it in the refrigerator.
- If you have an old refrigerator that you operate in the garage consider eliminating its use.
- Run only full loads in the dishwasher and scrape dishes with cold water.
- Microwave when possible.
- Turn lights off when not in room.
- Use fluorescent or energy savings lights.