

Energy Saving Tips

HEATING AND COOLING TIPS:

- The air filters on the furnace need to be checked every month. Replace them if they look dirty, or at least once every 3 months.
- Remember each Fall to remove leaves, dirt, and other debris from around the outdoor components of the system to improve efficiency.
- When the furnace/air conditioner is on, go around the home and check how much air is coming out of each register or vent. If there is no air or very little coming out, it could indicate a leak in the system. If this occurs, contact a HVAC contractor to investigate further
- It's a good idea to schedule a tune-up on the home's heating and cooling system each spring and fall to ensure your unit is operating efficiently.

AIR LEAK TIPS:

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- ENERGY STAR qualified windows can help reduce a home's energy bill up to 15 percent.

INSULATION TIPS:

- Injected foam insulation allows homes with already existing walls to enjoy the benefits of added energy efficiency without causing damage to the wall.
- Also look to add insulation to your sub-floor but be sure to install the insulation so that the backing faces the open area beneath the house.
- Use Unfaced Insulation or blown insulation in your attic to prevent the heat from rising and only heating the attic instead of your living spaces.
- If you are unsure about how much insulation is needed for your home, contact a contractor to make sure the right amount of insulation is installed to improve your overall heating and cooling efficiency.

WATER HEATING TIPS:

- Make sure your water heating thermostat setting is at 120 degrees (recommended).
- Install a water heater insulation blanket for added efficiency.
- Insulate the first 6 feet of both your cold and hot water lines connected to the unit.

LIGHTING TIPS:

- Change out your incandescent bulbs to LEDs in lights that get used the most, to get the most savings. Typically, these are the kitchen ceiling light, living room table and floor lamps, bathroom vanity, ceiling fans and outdoor porch or post lamp.