

**Do your**

# **WINTER BILLS**

**give you**

# **CHILLS?**



**Warm up to these easy,  
money-saving tips!**

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. Every degree above 68 increases your energy use by 3 percent to 5 percent.
- If you have a furnace, install a programmable thermostat and set it to turn the heat down at night and when you're away.
- Heat pumps are the most efficient form of electric heating in moderate climates. Setting your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting is the best approach to conserving energy and saving money.
- Avoid using space heaters in large areas or for long periods of time. They are not nearly as efficient in heating large areas as your central unit.
- Traditional fireplaces lose much more heat than they produce, so only use them on mild days. When not in use, make absolutely sure the damper is closed.
- Check, clean or replace filters once a month. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy use.
- Clean air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed and be sure they aren't blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.
- Let the sunshine in: Open drapes and let the sun heat your home for free!

For more energy-saving tips, visit [ncpublicpower.com](http://ncpublicpower.com).

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