

Keep money in your wallet this heating season with these top five energy-saving tips



Weather strip your doors and windows

If you're wondering how to reduce your energy bills this winter, sealing drafty doors and windows is a good place to start. By weather stripping your doors and windows, you can help prevent heat from escaping and cold air from getting inside.



Switch to a smart thermostat

A programmable thermostat is a smart way to save energy in the winter by reducing the amount of time your furnace runs without sacrificing comfort. You can program the thermostat to turn down while you're sleeping or away from home and then up when you're home and awake.



Close the damper when not using the fireplace

Relaxing in front of a warm fireplace is super cozy on a cold day, but always remember to close the damper when finished using the fireplace so heat doesn't escape up the chimney. You can also save energy in the winter by replacing your wood-burning fireplace with a more energy-efficient natural gas fireplace.



Give your heating system a yearly checkup

Schedule an annual heating system checkup early each winter to ensure your system is clean and ready to run efficiently. Regular checkups will increase the lifespan of your system and lower your energy bills during winter because a smooth-running furnace doesn't have to work as hard to keep your home warm.



Let air flow freely by keeping clutter away from air vents

Furniture or drapes that block your heating vents make your furnace work harder than it should. Clearing the clutter away from your vents, heaters, registers and radiators ensures that every room in your home is getting good circulation and that your system is working as designed.