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ENERGY (Money) SAVING TIPS

Insulate your hot water heater:

Take a quick trip to the hardware store or home improvement store for a hot water insulation kit to wrap your water heater and save on water heating costs.

Seal and insulate your home:

Sealing and insulating your home will improve comfort and reduce heating and cooling costs. To improve the "envelope" of your home, add insulation, seal air leaks, and choose energy-efficient windows if you are in the market for new windows.

Replace traditional lightbulbs with CFLs:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer. If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

Take advantage of incentives and rebates:

Check with your local utility to see what incentives or rebates are available for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances, lighting or heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and renewable energy technologies. Or just ask your EcoBroker® or Ecosociate™.

Install low flow toilets:

A state-of-the-art low-flow toilet may consume less than two gallons of water per flush compared to five or more gallons with "old" technology toilets. The new toilets can cut your expenditure for flushing in half, or more.

Use a programmable thermostat:

Programmable thermostats automatically adjust the temperature of your home while you are away and while you are sleeping, allowing you to reduce the temperature when appropriate.

Maintain the right temperature in your refrigerator and freezer:

Refrigerators can use up to 20 percent of total electricity in your home. To keep your power bills low, use only as much energy as is necessary. The refrigerator should be set between 38° F and 42° F. The freezer should be set between 0° F and 5° F.

Wash clothes in cold water:

With today's cold temperature detergents, most modern clothing cleans just as well in cold water. Wash in cold water on economy cycles and always have a full load. Keep in mind, 15 minutes of presoaking and 5 minutes of agitation get clothes cleaner than 15 minutes of agitation.

Upgrade your refrigerator if it is 10 years old or older:

Energy-efficient models can reduce energy consumption by up to half that of a 10-year-old conventional model.

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