

# 10 EASY WAYS

to save money on your power bill

1.



**Always turn off lights when no one is in a room.** Remembering to turn lights off is the simplest and easiest way to save money.

2.



**Unplug electronics that aren't in use.** If your coffee maker, DVD player or computer is plugged into an electrical outlet, it's using energy and costing you money.

3.



**Load up your dishwasher, clothes washing machine and dryer.** Run these appliances only when they're fully loaded and wash clothes in cold water. Fewer loads and using cold water reduces energy used.

4.



**Replace light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs).** CFLs use 75 percent less energy, last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs and will save over \$30 on electricity costs.

5.



**Set your thermostat to save money.** In the winter, set thermostat at 68 degrees and to 65 degrees when away from home. In summer set thermostat at 78 degrees and 85 degrees when away from home.

6.



**Adjust your blinds.** In the winter, warm your house by opening your blinds to let the heat from the sun in and close them in the summer to keep the heat out.

7.



**Find and seal cracks in your home.** Sealing cracks, gaps or leaks and adding insulation can save money on home heating and cooling costs.

8.



**Cool home with fans.** Reduce air conditioning costs by using ceiling and portable fans. Close vents in unused rooms to keep cool air in areas where it's needed most.

9.



**Control outdoor lighting.** Save money by installing outdoor lighting with a photocell so the light only comes on when it's dark or with a motion detector so the light only comes on when it's been activated.

10.



**Cook small meals in microwave.** Cooking meals in a microwave or toaster oven generates significantly less heat than a stove or oven and uses less energy.

# Your Energy Bill: What You Need To Know To Save Money



## Energy Saving Programs

Home energy saving programs and improvements are the most cost-effective ways to reduce your monthly utility bills and help the environment. Many utility companies offer incentives or rebates to help customers reduce bills and save energy.

### Incentives

- **FREE Refrigerator Recycling**
  - If you have an unwanted working refrigerator, many utility companies will recycle your old refrigerator or freezer for free.
- **FREE In-Home or On-Line Energy Audits**
  - As a way to help customers better understand how their home uses energy and learn money saving tips on home improvements, many utility companies offer personalized energy audits.
- **Lighting Programs**
  - To incentivize customers to purchase Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFLs), many stores including Walmart, The Home Depot and the Sam's Club are offering special pricing on select packages of CFLs. (No coupons or rebates needed –see sales associate for details)

### Rebates

- **Energy Star Appliance Programs**
  - Most utility companies offer rebates to customers when they purchase an Energy Star Appliance such as a freezer or a clothes washer.
- **Duct Sealing Programs**
  - Leaks and poorly sealed ducts can result in high utility bills and lost energy. Some utility companies will offer resources to help encourage customers to seal leaks.

### Additional Resources

For more information about ways to save money on your power bill, visit these resources:

- **Georgia Power:** [georgiapower.com](http://georgiapower.com) or call 1-877-310-5607.
- **EMC:** [georgiaemc.com](http://georgiaemc.com) or call (800) 544-4362
- **Togetherwesave.com:** [togetherwesave.com](http://togetherwesave.com)

