



## ENERGY SAVING TIPS

### Energy Savings

- Replace your old refrigerator, washer/dryer, and dishwasher with an energy efficient model. Energy Star® appliances are recommended.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Insulate the attic and crawl space (attic insulation and floor insulation).
- Caulk windows, doors and air leaks on the exterior walls of your home. Do not caulk around water heater and furnace flue pipes.
- Weather-strip around exterior windows and doors.
- Insulate heating and cooling duct work.
- Replace CFL and incandescent light bulbs with LEDs (Light Emitting Diode) bulbs.
- Turn off electronics and power strips when they are not in use.
- Dry clothes outside whenever possible.
- Avoid electricity peak hours from 4 PM – 9 PM. Delay running dishwashers, washing machines, clothes dryers and other major appliances until after 9 PM or before 4 PM to avoid higher rates.

### Heating

- Set the furnace thermostat at 68 degrees or lower during the day.
- Have a professional inspect and tune up your furnace.
- Clean and replace furnace filter once a month.
- Wear a sweater or clothing in layers to insulate your body and trap heat.
- Close your fireplace damper when not in use.
- Close windows and doors to keep the heat in during winter months.
- Replace old windows with dual pane windows.
- Never use the kitchen stove, oven or BBQ to heat your home.
- When gathered in one room, consider using a space heater and/or ceiling fan to moderate the temperature and increase comfort while avoiding the use of central heating and air conditioning. Follow safety guidelines with all equipment.

### Cooling

- Set the thermostat at 78 degrees in the summer or off.
- Use a fan and natural ventilation first.
- Wear cooler clothing.
- Window coverings should be closed during the day in the summer to keep the heat out.

### Water

- Turn down the water heater thermostat to 120°F.
- Insulate old storage tank water heaters with a water heater blanket.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators, fix/replace leaky faucets.
- Take shorter showers.
- Wash full loads in your dishwasher and use air-dry option on your dishwasher if available.
- Wash full loads and use cold water when washing clothes.