

Low-cost and no-cost tips to save money and use less energy

You can make small, affordable changes to help increase the comfort of your home and lower your energy costs.

- Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Install water-saving showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Clean or replace filters monthly to help your furnace or air conditioner work at peak efficiency.
- Unplug battery chargers (e.g. power tools, mobile phones, laptops, etc.) when not in use.
- Turn off lights when not needed.
- Use a countertop convection or microwave oven, or smaller electric appliance, instead of a full-size stove whenever possible.
- Turn down the thermostat to 65–68 degrees during the day and 58–60 degrees at night during cooler months.
- Install an ENERGY STAR® programmable thermostat so it adjusts automatically.
- Wash and rinse laundry with cold water. To save more energy and water, run full loads.
- Caulk small holes and cracks around plumbing pipes, exhaust fans, dryer vents, sink and bathtub drains, fireplaces and under countertops.
- Use the water-saver washing and energy-saver drying options on your dishwasher.
- Check to make sure refrigerator/freezer gaskets seal tightly.
- Clean lint filters after drying each load of clothes.
- Use pots and pans with flat bottoms.
- If you plan to purchase a new clothes washer, dishwasher or refrigerator, choose ENERGY STAR models.
- Install exterior wall switch and outlet gaskets to prevent air loss and infiltration.
- Close fireplace and wood stove dampers when not in use, but wait several hours after the fire dies down.

Oregon customers of PGE and Pacific Power living in homes heated with oil, propane, kerosene, butane or wood may be eligible for weatherization incentives through the Oregon Department of Energy's SHOW (State Home Oil Weatherization) program.

Energy Trust can also offer the following incentives for SHOW program participants receiving electricity from PGE or Pacific Power:

- High-efficiency electric water heaters
- ENERGY STAR clothes washers
- ENERGY STAR refrigerators
- Solar electric systems
- Solar water heating
- Up to four free compact fluorescent light bulbs from SHOW

For more information on Energy Trust incentives available to SHOW program participants, call **1-866-368-7878** or visit www.energytrust.org/HES.

For more information on the SHOW program, call **1-800-221-8035** or visit www.oregon.gov/ENERGY.

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