

Save Natural Gas and Money this Winter

Reduce your natural gas usage and save money on your heating bills by following these tips:



Seal it up. Check for leaks around windows, doors, and other openings to the outside. Seal these leaks with caulk and keep the warmth in.

Cover it up. Cover bare floors with carpet.



Furnace Checkup. Have your furnace and heating system inspected annually to check for leaks or other problems.

Insulate. Wrap old water heaters with proper insulating jackets, and set the temperature to 120°F (or lower). Insulate your plumbing.



Use mother nature. When it's cold outside but also sunny, open the blinds during the day to let the sun help heat your home.

Wash cold. Whenever possible, use the cold water setting on your washing machine.



Check and replace HVAC filters. New filters usually only cost a few dollars. Dirty filters cost more to use, overwork the equipment, and result in lower indoor air quality. The filters should be replaced regularly.

Reverse your ceiling fans. The fan blades should be spinning in a clockwise direction on a low speed to force the warm air near the ceiling down into the living space.



Control the temperature. Set the temperature to 68°F or lower in the winter. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.