

Winterize your Home

Save money and remain cozy throughout winter

Change furnace filters

Replace or clean furnace filters once a month during heating season.

Run fans in reverse

Many fans come with a switch that reverses the direction of the blades. This will make it warmer by circulating warm air near ceiling back into the living space.

Winterize you're A/C and Water lines and Pipes

Drain hoses and air conditioner pipes and make sure you don't have excess water pooled in equipment. If you're A/C has water shutoff valve, go ahead and turn that off. Turn off exterior water spigots and seal any water leaks. Remove any window A/C units and store them. Insulate your pipes. If a pipe is warm to touch, it is a good candidate for insulation.

Turn down your water heater

Lowering the temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit would reduce your water heating costs.

Dodge the Drafts

Drafts under doors and around windows can waste 5 to 30 percent of your energy use. For just a few dollars, pick up a window insulation kit. Plastic will add a buffer against drafts and extra still air space can give a nice boost to your home's ability to hold heat. Use caulking and weather stripping.

Install Storm doors and windows

These will seal drafts and reduce air flow.

Give your heating system a Tune-up

Keep your furnace clean, lubricated and properly adjusted to reduce energy use.

Mind the Thermostat

Turn down the heat when you leave the building.

Put on a sweater

Cozy up with a warm sweater and start saving.

These are just a few of many tips ... Stay warm this winter.