



## *Summer Energy Saving Tips*

**Use a ceiling, box or oscillating fan.**

The moving air cools you, creating less reliance on air conditioning.

**Close the blinds** before the sun gets a chance to heat up the house, and open windows at night to cool the house down.

**Replace the furnace filter** and clean the outside coil on your air conditioner.

**Don't drastically turn down the temperature** on your thermostat. Your house won't cool down any faster.

**Weatherstrip and caulk** your doors and windows if you can see light or feel air coming through them.

**Lower the temperature on your water heater** to 120°F (unless your dishwasher requires a higher temperature).

**Wash only full loads** of laundry and dishes.

**Use ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs** when replacing light bulbs .

# Greater Energy Savings

## Three Key Areas

### *Air Conditioning*

- Increase insulation in the attic and walls as well as the crawlspace, where applicable.
- Seal around plumbing pipes and electrical wires in the walls and floors.
- Plant shade trees on south- and west-facing sides of the house.
- When replacing an old A/C unit, look for the Energy Star-rated SEER 14 or higher.
- Ask for assistance to ensure a new air conditioner is sized and charged correctly.

### *Water Heating*

- Read the yellow EnergyGuide tag before purchasing a new water heater. It shows the yearly operating cost of the unit.
- Get the right size water heater. A unit that's too large costs more money today and in the long run.
- Buy an Energy Star washing machine or dishwasher. They're designed to use less hot water.

### *Refrigeration*

- Vacuum the refrigerator coils once a year. Dirty coils make the refrigerator work harder.
- Replace the refrigerator door gasket if you can slip an envelope between the door and the frame.
- Buy an Energy Star refrigerator when it's time to replace the old one.

### *More Ideas*

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Information on energy efficiency programs and saving ideas in the "Energy Center."

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Hints for buying and operating efficient products, as well as tips for building and purchasing homes.

