

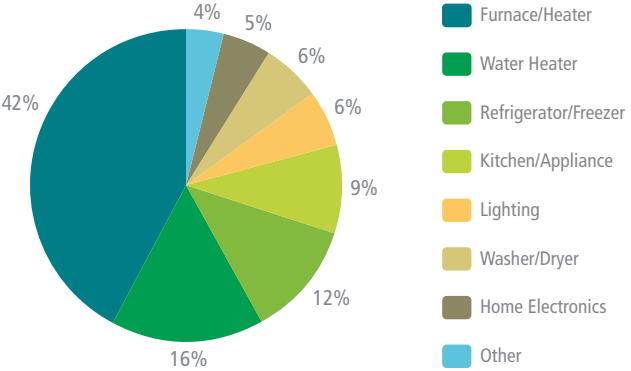


Winter Energy Saving Tips

1. **Turn down the thermostat** at night or when the house is empty.
2. **Replace or clean furnace filters** once a month. Furnaces use more energy when dust restricts air flow through the filter.
3. **Weatherstrip and caulk** around doors and windows to cut down on heat loss and improve comfort.
4. **Open your curtains and blinds during the day** to let the sun heat your home.
5. **Lower the temperature on your water heater** to 120 degrees, unless your dishwasher requires a higher temperature.
6. **Choose compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's)**. Spiral bulbs last up to 10 times longer and use 75 percent less energy.
7. **Switch off electronics** when not in use, including televisions, computers, game stations and stereo equipment.
8. **Look for the ENERGY STAR[®]** when shopping for appliances, electronics and more.

Electricity Usage

What Matters Most In the Winter*



*Energy use can vary greatly according to the age of the appliance, the size and construction of your home and the number of occupants.

Use this simple calculation to further understand your usage.

$$\frac{\text{Wattage}}{\text{Hours of Operation Per Month}} \times \text{Hours of Operation Per Month} \div 1000 \text{ Watts} = \frac{\text{Kilowatt Hours of Electricity}}{\text{Month}}$$

(converts to Kilowatt)

$$\frac{\text{Kilowatt Hours of Electricity}}{\text{Month}} \times \$0.052 = \$ \frac{\text{Approximate Kilowatt Hour Rate (effective June 2006)}}{\text{Month}}$$

Source: DOE's Energy Information Administration

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General and technical information on energy efficiency for consumers.