



Spring into savings!



Go outside to save!

Shut off your television, devices, and appliances and enjoy the warmer days ahead by taking a walk, reading a book in the sun, or chatting with a neighbor.

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Check out these tips to reduce energy use and save.



Reduce energy for water heating. Take simple steps—like lowering your water heater's temperature and installing low-flow showerheads—to reduce your water heating bills.



Switch to ENERGY STAR® appliances, fans, and electronics. By choosing ENERGY STAR®-certified products throughout your home, you could save around \$450 over five years on your energy bills.



Schedule a tune-up of your heating and air-conditioning systems. Doing this once a year helps ensure your systems operate efficiently and are ready for the season ahead.



Set your dishwasher to air-dry instead of using the heat-dry cycle, and you'll save more than 15 percent on your dishwasher's cost of operation.

Once the snow is gone, walk around the outside of your home and **check for gaps** around pipes, conduits, chimneys, lights, windows, and brick or cement work. Fill those gaps with an easy-to-use spray foam insulation or caulk. Use a high-temperature product if it will contact a hot surface such as a flue pipe or chimney.



Take the same walk around your basement and **seal gaps accessible at the rim joist.** You'll prevent heat and cold air from entering (and increasing energy costs) and moisture from damaging your home.



Use sunlight to your advantage. Choose window treatments that allow you to use natural light while reducing heat loss and gain.



Connect electronics to smart power strips. They save energy by shutting off the power supply to connected devices when in standby mode.



Defrost your freezer to remove ice buildup. Just a sixteenth of an inch of ice can cause the unit to use 10 percent more energy.