

Customer Connection



Energy news for our customers

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Take control

Simple ways to save money and energy this winter

Looking for ways to keep your energy costs down without sacrificing comfort? These practical low- or no-cost tips can help give you more control over your energy use and save every month.

Change a little, save a lot!



Open curtains on south-facing windows during the day and close them at night.



Install weather stripping or door sweeps on doors and windows.



Install foam gaskets behind outlets on exterior walls.



Unplug gaming consoles, chargers, small appliances, and printers when not in use.



Install faucet aerators to reduce water flow without losing pressure.



Lower your water heater temperature to 120°.



Lower your thermostat by 1°-2°.



Insulate hot water pipes.



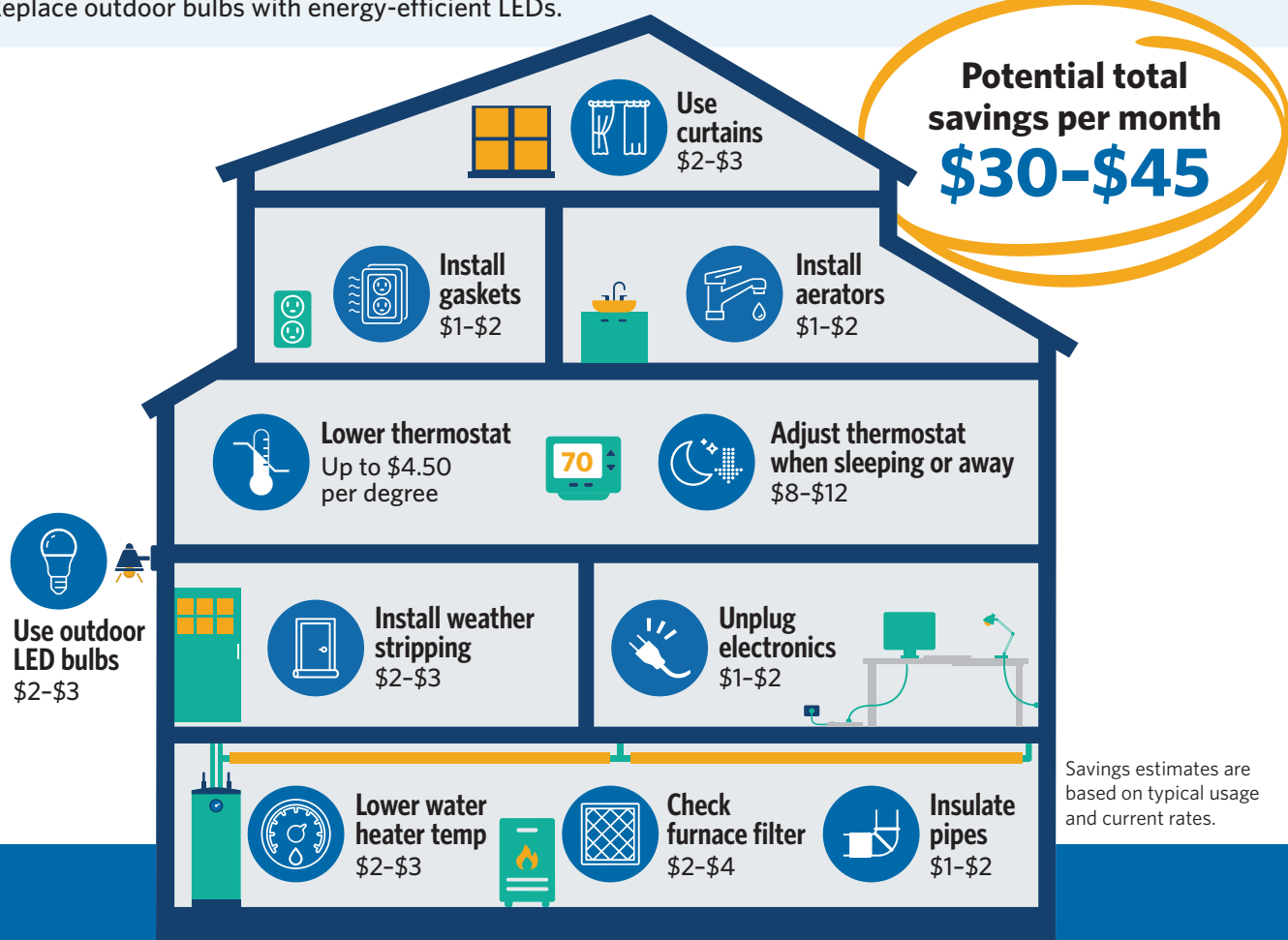
Adjust your thermostat by 5°-8° when sleeping or away.



Check your furnace filter each month and clean or replace it as needed to maintain airflow.



Replace outdoor bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs.



Savings estimates are based on typical usage and current rates.

By putting these tips into action, you'll take control of your energy use, better manage your monthly electric bill, and keep your home comfortable and efficient. For more ideas, tools, and rebates, visit otpc.com/WaysToSave.

Programs to help you save more

Looking for more ways to manage your energy costs? We offer programs designed to give you control and peace of mind.

Rebate programs

Save on energy-efficient upgrades such as smart thermostats, LED lighting, and heating equipment. Rebates lower your upfront costs and help reduce your monthly bill. Plus, take advantage of money-saving rates and efficient technologies. Learn more at otpc.com/WaysToSave.

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Uplift program

If you're a Minnesota residential customer receiving Energy Assistance, you may qualify for a monthly bill credit through our Uplift program. Learn more at otpc.com/uplift.

Small steps can add up to big savings!



Practice generator safety

Generators serve as a great backup when you need them. To stay safe, follow the manufacturer's instructions. And keep these tips in mind:

- Avoid electrical hazards. Never plug generators into wall outlets. This can overload wiring and cause fire hazards or electrocution.
- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Always use generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas. Avoid running near windows or vents.
- Reduce fire risks. Turn off your generator and let it cool down before refueling to keep fuel from igniting on hot parts.
- Stay within load limits. Operate your generator within the manufacturer's recommended ratings to avoid overloading it.

Visit otpc.com/ElectricSafety to learn more.

Customers' cookery



Alice's banana bread

Ingredients:

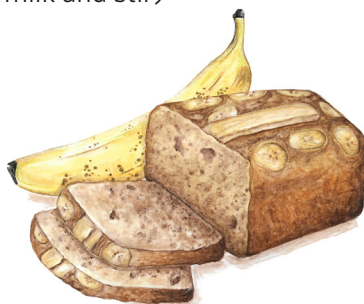
¼ cup shortening
2 eggs
¾ teaspoon baking soda
⅛ teaspoon salt
¾ cup sugar
2 medium bananas (mashed)
¾ teaspoon baking powder

2 ½ cups flour
½ cup nuts (optional)
¼ cup sour milk (1 teaspoon vinegar added to milk and stir)

Directions:

Mix ingredients into batter. Spread the batter in a loaf pan and bake at 375 degrees for 50 minutes.

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