

SIMPLE WAYS TO CONSERVE ENERGY

- In winter, a thermostat set at 68 degrees is ideal – lower if no one is home.
- In summer, a thermostat set at 78 degrees is just right - higher if no one is home.
- Wash clothes in cold water - it cleans just as well and saves energy and money.
- Turn off appliances and lights when not in use, including TV and computers.
- Don't open the refrigerator too long or too often – less energy is used that way.
- Don't keep a refrigerator or freezer in the garage where they can get too warm!
- Use a power strip for multiple plugs - turn all power off with one switch.
- Don't leave the water running constantly when shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Use microwaves, crock-pots, electric skillets, or toaster ovens instead of the oven.
- For all water leaks – no matter how small - place a maintenance service request.
- Close windows, air vents and doors in unused rooms.
- Wash and dry clothes in the morning or evening to keep the temperature even.
- Replace old light bulbs with energy saving fluorescent bulbs.
- Always turn off lights when leaving a room.
- Air dry your dishes- turn off the drying cycle on your dishwasher.
- Don't leave ceiling fans running when no one is in the room.
- Use just two fewer plastic bags per week – save a tremendous impact on the earth!
- Try to use sprinklers in the early morning or evening to avoid water evaporation.
- Use fewer paper napkins and consider cloth napkins at home.
- Reduce fertilizer use and work by leaving grass clippings on the lawn after mowing.
- Use and refill a single water bottle or container instead of buying bottled water.
- Use timers on your lights instead of leaving them on all the time.
- Close shades when you leave the house to keep your home more temperate.