

Renter's Energy Guide

Small changes can make a big difference for comfort and saving on energy, all year long.

Encourage your landlord to get an energy audit

An energy audit is a great way for your landlord to identify energy saving opportunities in their property and to help tenants save money on energy bills.

If you live in a 1-4 unit property

Ask your landlord to sign up for a Home Energy Squad® visit. For \$100 per unit, energy experts will install energy- and cost-saving measures, including LED bulbs, door and attic hatch weather stripping, and water heater insulation, and complete a professional inspection and audit of the unit.

Tip: Tenants can sign up with permission from the landlord.

HomeEnergySquad.net | 866-222-4595

If you live in a 5+ unit property

Ask your landlord to sign up for a no-cost energy analysis through the Multi-Family Building Efficiency program. Property owners also receive no-cost installation of energy-saving items and a report providing recommendations.

MultiFamilyEnergySolutions.com | 844-545-7455

Manage your temperature

- Stay comfortable while home, and turn your thermostat back 7°–10°F from its normal setting when you are away.
- Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder or warmer setting than normal when you're looking to change the temperature fast. It will not cool or heat your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling or heating, and unnecessary energy use.



Stop the drafts for better heating and cooling

- Be sure all storm windows are completely closed and lock your windows.
- Install covers on wall-mounted and window ACs in the winter.
- Pull shades and close drapes at night.
- In the winter, leave shades and drapes open on east, south, and west windows for heat from the sun, and in the summer, close them to keep your rooms cool.

Liven up your lighting

- According to ENERGY STAR®, LED bulbs typically use 70 to 90% less energy and last at least 15 times longer than the traditional incandescent bulbs they replace.
- Visit xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals to find participating stores which offer Xcel Energy discounts of up to \$3 on select LED bulbs.
- Make sure to turn off your lights when you're not using them—even though LED bulbs are more efficient, you shouldn't leave them on in unoccupied rooms.

Unplug vampire loads

TVs, cable boxes, and computer chargers will use electricity, even when turned off.

- Attach electronics and small appliances to a power strip to easily turn them off when not in use.
- Unplug cell phone and computer chargers when not in use.

Reduce hot water waste

Try three tips to lower your water heating bill:

- Switch to high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators to cut down on hot water waste.
- Wash your clothes in cold water whenever possible.
- If accessible, adjust the temperature on your hot water heater to a lower setting.

Purchase ENERGY STAR® electronics

- A wide range of energy-efficient electronics are available, including computers, televisions, DVD players, and more.
- To know an electronic device's rating, look for the yellow Energy Guide sticker when shopping.



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