

MY HOME

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Looking for easy savings at home?

In this guide, you'll find helpful tips to make energy-efficient choices and cost-efficient upgrades around your home. Knowing where to look is the best way to get started.



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HOT WATER

Save energy from going down the drain.

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Fix leaky taps
A simple rubber washer stops leaks that can add up to 75 litres of water each week.
- 2** —————

Wash with cold
85-90% of the energy used to wash clothes is from heating the water. Wash in cold water to save.
- 3** —————

Hot water tank wrap
Wrap a blanket around your electric hot water tank to reduce energy loss by up to 40%.
- 4** —————

Sparkling dishwasher savings
Always run full loads, use the shortest cycle and select air dry for up to 50% savings.



LIGHTING & ELECTRONICS

Bright ideas for better bulbs and busting phantoms.

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Upgrade to LEDs

ENERGY STAR® certified LED bulbs last up to 25 times longer, produce no excess heat and are 75-90% more energy efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs.

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Install sensors and dimmers

Garages, basements and outdoor lights are ideal for automatic lighting sensors, while easy-to-install dimmers also help reduce indoor lighting costs.

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Fight phantom power

Plug PCs, game consoles, TVs and other electronics into a power bar with a timer or auto-shutoff to help save up to 10% in phantom power.

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Lamp timers

Who left the lights on? Not you! Timers can also go on fans, so they don't run all night.



APPLIANCES

Big appliances are big users.

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Seal your fridge

Try closing a \$5 bill in your fridge door. Does it stay in place? If not, you may need to replace the seal.

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Avoid overheating

Preheating ovens is only necessary for baking; roasts and casseroles can skip it.

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Avoid freezer fatigue

Freezers work best when they are two-thirds full and set at -18°C (0°F).

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Upgrade your old appliances to save

ENERGY STAR® certified fridges are 20% more efficient; front-loading washing machines use up to 65% less energy compared to conventional top loaders.

Consider the "second price tag"

The sticker price is just one cost when you're buying new. Remember to factor in the cost of operating the product over its lifetime. Find ENERGY STAR® certified models at: www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/products/energystar/12519



HEATING & COOLING

About **62%** of costs come from heating and cooling.

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Test for air tightness

Hold a lit incense stick next to windows to detect air leaks. A strong leak will blow smoke away; a small leak will draw it in.

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Reduce electricity use by up to 20%

Inexpensive caulking and weatherstripping for windows, doorframes, attic hatches and more can reduce your heating and cooling needs by up to 20%.

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Wall outlets

Get pre-cut foam gaskets to seal indoor and outdoor switch plates — they're a big source of air leaks.

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Program your thermostat

Automatically regulate heating and cooling to save up to 10%.

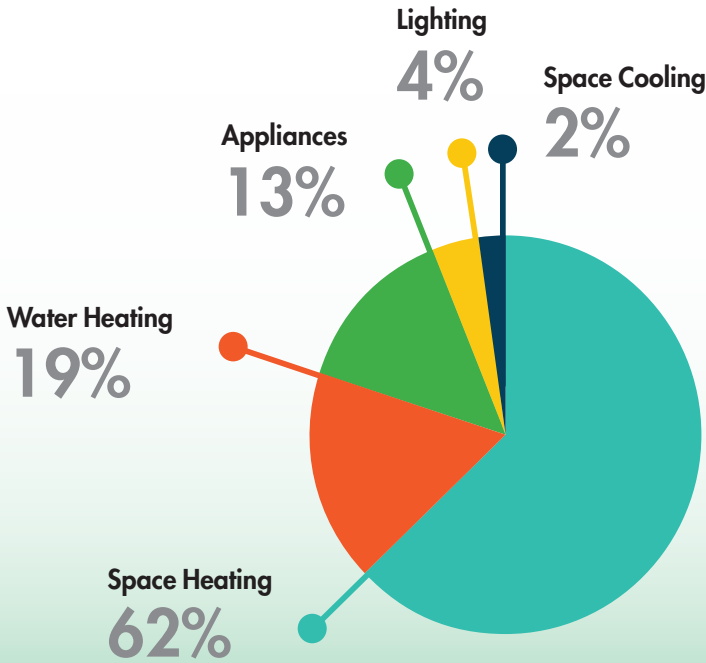
Time for a new furnace or a central air conditioner?

The latest models are quieter, more reliable and use less energy. It may be time to upgrade if:

- Your system is more than 10 years old
- You had more than one maintenance call this year
- Your system is unusually noisy
- You need major parts replaced

Your home energy use at-a-glance

Here's how a typical home's energy use breaks down, by activity:



Understanding how your daily habits affect your electricity use can help you look for opportunities to save.

Over the course of a year, the largest energy user in a typical household is space heating, followed by water heating, appliances, lighting and air conditioning. But other factors such as the size, age and condition of your home can also increase energy use, as can extreme weather and higher occupancy (more people living in the home

than normal). Because heating accounts for more than half of your annual energy use, it's a smart place to start using energy more efficiently.

Read on for tips and programs to help you better control heating costs and more.

Tips and more ways to save are here!



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