



Tips for Saving on Your Heating Bills

There are many ways in which customers can make small changes that can impact their home heating bills. Read the tips below to learn how you can start saving.

Home Heating Bill Savings

- Remember that the temperature at which you set the thermostat will affect your energy savings.
- Thermostats should be set no higher than 72°F during the day and evening when people are home.
- You may want to lower the thermostat setting below 72° at night or during the day when people are not home. Some people turn their thermostats down to 60° or 55° at night.
- During each 24-hour period, you will save about 3% on your heating bill for every 1° that you lower the thermostat. For example, if you lower your thermostat setting by 3° you will save about 9% on your heating bill.
- By setting your thermostat back further for the 8-hour period at night when you're sleeping, you will save an extra 1% on your heating bill for every 1° that you set back the thermostat.
- On sunny days, take advantage of the free heat. Open blinds, shades, and curtains, especially if your windows face south. At night, close the blinds, shades, and curtains to help keep heat in rather than allowing it to escape through the window.
- Clean or replace your furnace filters once a month.
- Oil-fired boilers and furnaces should be cleaned and tuned-up annually.
- Gas-fired equipment needs to be checked every two years.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators. Make sure furniture, carpeting or drapes are not blocking them.
- Check your heating ducts for leaks and have them sealed and insulated by a professional.
- When purchasing new heating equipment, make sure it has the ENERGY STAR® label.

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