



Celebrate Earth Day IN YOUR HOME

... with a flip of a switch

Wednesday Evening, April 22nd 8-9 p.m.

In recognition of Earth Day, along with turning off non-essential lights at work, we encourage you to conserve energy in your home. Get into the habit. Turn off non-essential lights for at least one hour Earth Day night. It's a simple step towards making energy-saving choices every day.

Bright Ideas for Saving Energy in Your Home

LIGHTING

- Take advantage of natural daylight. Turn off or dim electric lighting when adequate sunlight is available to illuminate interior space. Ensure outdoor lighting is off during daytime.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs or L.E.D. lighting. Compact fluorescent lamps may cost more, but they save as much as 80 percent on your electric bill and last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

APPLIANCES

- Use water- and energy-saving features on your dish-washer. Do not use your dishwasher to dry dishes and only run full loads.
- Wash clothes in cold water to save heat. Only run full loads. Using a bath towel more than once will conserve laundry.
- Look for "Energy Star" appliances and electronics.
- Save money by not running large appliances such as washers and dryers during peak energy demand hours.
- Try an old-fashion clothesline for drying.
- Turn off and unplug unused lights, appliances and computer monitors. Cell phone chargers still consume energy when plugged into outlets.

WATER USAGE

- Take shorter showers.
- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.

- Get a water heater blanket. Put your water-heater on a timer or install an on-demand tankless water heater, heating your water only as you need it. There are consumer rebates available to install this technology.
- Collect the rainwater from your roof gutters in rain-barrels for watering gardens and lawns.

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

- Turn thermostat down when you are not home and before you go to bed. Better yet, get a programmable thermostat to do the work for you.
- Install insulation in your attic.
- Buy a clear-plastic shrink-film to cover the inside of your windows. Seal leaks and holes with caulking. Weather-strip windows and doors and install insulation in your attic.

RENEW & RECHARGE

- Learn about renewable energy tax credits and government rebates for solar, solar thermal and wind systems at GreenEnergyOhio.org.
- Use rechargeable batteries. They are economical and they can be charged hundreds of times.

BUY LOCAL

- Buy locally grown food and goods. Less energy was consumed to get those products to your home.

For these and more energy saving bright ideas, visit: www.LightsOutOhio.org

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