



Easy Energy Savers for 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 a little more, but they save as much as 80 percent on your electric bill and last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. And when they finally burn out, you can safely recycle them at many retail outlets.

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.
- Look for “Energy Star” appliances and electronics.
- 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.
- 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.

- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.
- Using a bath towel more than once will conserve laundry.
- 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. One can reduce your heating bill by up to 30%.
- Install insulation in your attic. Federal tax credits available through 2010 can reduce your investment by as much as 30%.
- Buy a clear-plastic shrink-film to cover the inside of your windows. Seal leaks and holes with caulking. Weather-strip windows and doors.
- Setting the air conditioning at 78 degrees F will reduce cooling costs by 10-20%.

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.



Turn off non-essential lights on Earth Day and every day.

Register at:

www.LightsOutOhio.org