

HOMESTEAD ENERGY SERVICES

CONSERVATION TIPS FOR REDUCING ELECTRIC USAGE

(Activities Listed Are by Typical Order of Highest Cost Activity First)

Activity	Energy Conservation Tips
Heating through the Central Air System or Space Heaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set thermostat to as low a temperature as is comfortable (68 degrees is recommended) • Do not leave heat on when the home is unoccupied • Upgrade ceiling insulation to R-19 or greater if possible
Cooling through the Central A/C system or via wall units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set thermostat to as high a temperature as is comfortable (78 degrees is recommended) • Place Fan in "Auto" position • Do not leave the A/C on when leaving the home for more than 4 hours • Change filters monthly • Clean A/C coils regularly • Seal cracks around doors and windows • Upgrade ceiling insulation to R-19 or better if possible • Have duct system checked for leaks • Ensure roof vents are not blocked in attic
Water Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place water heater on a timer or on/off switch and turn on 20 minutes prior to needing hot water • Wrap the water heater in an insulation blanket
Refrigeration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for Energy Star Refrigerator/ Freezers when purchasing new appliances • Put temperature settings at a moderate level • Ensure gaskets close properly • Keep freezer and refrigerator full (bags of ice in the freezer help to keep it cooler)
Other Appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for Energy Star Appliances • Place electronic equipment (computers, TVs, etc.) on power strips and turn the strips off when not in use
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)

Perform an On-line Energy Survey by going to the link provided on the City of Homestead's website under the Electric Utility department web page. (The link to the on-line Energy Survey can also be found on the Customer Service web page.)

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