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Energy Tips

to get *smart* about your energy use



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Upgrade Your Light Bulbs

LED light bulbs can last between 15-25 YEARS and are 90% more efficient! Installing dimmers can save energy and make your bulbs last longer. Don't forget to turn lights OFF!

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Unplug!

Your appliances can drain power even when they are turned off, these are called "vampire loads". Unplug those electronics (TVs, laptops, phone chargers, game consoles) or use a power strip that can be turned on and off.

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Home Comfort

Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower in the winter and 78 or higher in the summer. Or use a programmable thermostat to optimize comfort and efficiency!

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Winter Warmth

Seal air leaks around windows, doors and air ducts with weather stripping and insulation. Easy and effective ways to stay warm during those winter months!

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Put It on the Line!

Use a clothes line or drying rack to dry your clothes. Dryers use a LOT of energy, plus air drying will keep your clothes lasting longer.

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Low-Flow Fixtures

Wasted hot water is literally money down the drain. Easily install low-flow showerheads and faucet fixtures. Some water saving showerheads can save the average family 2,900 gallons per year!

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Summer Cooling

Minimize drafts by checking your insulation, weather stripping, etc to keep cool air in. Use curtains and blinds to deflect sunlight and install window coverings or shading wherever possible.

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Plant a Tree!

Shade provided by trees help keep your house cool during hot summer months and add value to your home. The net cooling effect of a single, young healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-sized air conditioners, running for 20 hours a day!

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Upgrade Appliances

When your old appliances bite the dust, replace them with high efficiency Energy Star models - especially water heaters, refrigerators, and furnaces. Don't forget about available rebates!

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Ask us!

Want to know more about how to save energy and money? Climate Smart Missoula has the answers! Go to www.missoulaclimate.org to learn more or tell us how YOU save energy!