



LET IT SHINE

Keep draperies, shades and blinds open on sunny winter days, especially with windows on the south side of your home, and closed on hot and sunny summer days. Closed drapes also double as insulators.



TURN IT OFF

Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans only when necessary. Remember, moisture from cooking and bathing helps humidify your house, making it more comfortable in the winter.



KEEP IT CLEAR

Make sure your air registers and radiators aren't being blocked by furniture, rugs, drapes or other objects in your home. In addition, be sure to dust or vacuum registers or radiators on a regular basis.



KEEP IT UP

Have your heating system serviced once a year so it runs properly and efficiently. Change your furnace filters regularly since dirty filters make the system work harder and use more energy than necessary.

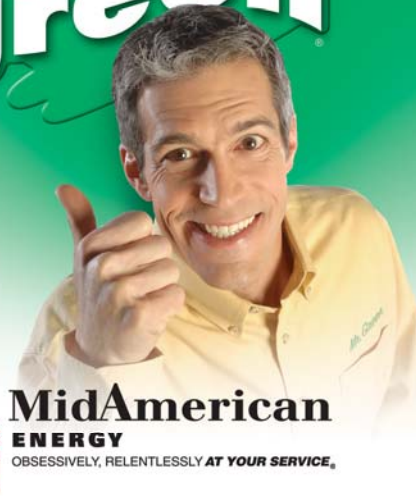
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ROLL IT OUT

Make sure your home has adequate insulation. This includes the attic, exterior walls, floors, basement and crawl spaces. In unheated areas, be sure to insulate around furnace ducts or boiler pipes.



BUY IT RIGHT

Install ENERGY STAR® compact fluorescent light bulbs and appliances in your home. ENERGY STAR light bulbs use 75 percent less energy and last up to 10 times longer than standard incandescent bulbs.



SEAL IT UP

Use weather stripping and caulk to seal air leaks and block drafts, even in the basement and attic, around doors, windows, chimneys, electrical outlets and other potential areas for air leakage.



SET IT SMART

Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower in the winter and 78 degrees or higher in the summer to save some green. You also can save with a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts the temperature when you're asleep or away.



WRAP IT UP

Put clear plastic sheets over the inside or outside of your windows to reduce heat loss and increase comfort. Window wrap kits, available at your hardware or home store, are an ideal choice for the job.