

WHY SAVE ENERGY?

Saving energy means saving money. Money saved can be used for something else. How would you use an extra \$10.00 a month? What about \$30.00, \$50.00? These results are achievable! Saving \$30.00 a month means you will save over \$300.00 in one year!

Our goal is to help you **SHRINK** the Utilities piece of the pie!

- MORTGAGE
- UTILITIES
- FOOD, CLOTHING
- TRANSPORTATION



1. CONTROL YOUR THERMOSTAT:

Heating and cooling systems use the most energy in your home. By controlling your thermostat, you can lower your utility bills. Consider setting your thermostat at 68 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer. Try using fans to cool your home this winter.

2. CONSERVE HOT WATER:

Your water heater is the second largest user of energy in your home. Conserve water and save money by:

- Turning the temperature on your water heater down to 120 degrees.
- Taking shorter showers
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Run the dishwasher only when full
- Install an energy-efficient showerhead
- Consider replacing an old, inefficient water heater with an Energy Star model

3. IF YOU AREN'T USING IT, TURN IT OFF:

Turn items all the way off if you aren't using them, unplugging, when possible. Devices in sleep or standby mode are still using energy. Unplug electronics and chargers when devices are fully charged. Turn off TVs, computers, and gaming systems. Don't let faucets run longer than necessary.

4. UPGRADE OLD "ENERGY HOGS":

Replace your most used light bulbs with compact fluorescent or LED light bulbs. Replace appliances with newer models that have the Energy Star label. While upgrades like this come with a cost, they often pay themselves back over time.

5. KEEP THINGS SEALED UP:

If your furnace or air conditioner is on, close your windows. Make sure doors and windows are air tight. Seal leaky ductwork. Keep your oven closed and open your refrigerator as little as possible.