



Spring forward!  
With savings!



**Go outside to save!**

Shut off your television, devices, and appliances and enjoy the warmer days ahead by taking a walk, reading a book in the sun, or chatting with a neighbor.

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# Tips to reduce energy use and save



**Wash with cold water** whenever possible. You'll save energy.



**Switch to ENERGY STAR® appliances, fans, and electronics** to save around \$450 over five years on your energy bills.



**Schedule an annual tune up** of your heating and air conditioning to ensure they operate efficiently and are ready for the season ahead.



**Turn on your ceiling fan during warm weather.** You'll be able to set your thermostat four degrees higher without sacrificing comfort. Just remember to turn it off when you leave the room. Fans cool people, not spaces.

Once the snow is gone, walk around the outside of your home and **check for gaps** around pipes, conduits, chimneys, lights, windows, and brick or cement work. Fill those gaps with an easy-to-use spray foam insulation or caulk. Use a high-temperature product if it will contact a hot surface, such as a flue pipe or chimney.



Take the same walk around your basement and **seal gaps accessible at the rim joist.** You'll prevent heat and cold air from entering (and increasing energy costs) and moisture from damaging your home.



**Use sunlight to your advantage.** Choose window treatments that allow you to use natural light while reducing heat loss and gain.



**Connect electronics to smart power strips.** They save energy by shutting off the power supply to connected devices when in standby mode.



**Set temperatures correctly.** For greatest efficiency set your refrigerator to 40°F and your freezer to 0°F.