

The average family spends \$1,900 a year on energy bills, nearly half of which goes to heating and cooling. When you reduce the amount of electricity used to cool your home, you reduce the greenhouse gas emissions generated by burning fossil fuels to make that electricity. So ultimately, using less energy helps reduce the risks of global warming.

Countdown to Cool with ENERGY STAR

for a more energy efficient home and a cooler planet.

5. FIND AND SEAL AIR LEAKS

Often, the most cost-effective way to improve your home's energy efficiency and comfort is by sealing air leaks to stop drafts, adding insulation, and choosing ENERGY STAR qualified windows if you are replacing them.

4. LOOK FOR THE ENERGY STAR

You'll find the ENERGY STAR on products in more than 50 categories, including cooling equipment, lighting, consumer electronics and appliances.

3. GET A PRE-SEASON CHECKUP

Schedule an annual, pre-season maintenance checkup with a licensed contractor to ensure your cooling system is operating efficiently and safely.



2. USE PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTATS AND CEILING FANS WISELY

When used properly, a programmable thermostat can save about \$150 in energy costs each year. Save a little more on hotter days by turning your thermostat up by 2 degrees and using your ceiling fan for extra cooling comfort.

1. VISIT ENERGY STAR @ HOME

The ENERGY STAR @ home interactive tool (www.energystar.gov/home) provides energy-efficient home improvement ideas and energy saving tips and advice for your entire home.

Products that earn the ENERGY STAR® prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. To learn more, visit www.energystar.gov.