



## Energy-Saving Tips and Tools

There are a lot of simple things that you can do to save energy in your home and your community. Review these tips and tools to find out how you can start saving today!

- ★ Turn off the TV, lights, fans, and other electronics when you aren't using them.
- ★ Unplug battery chargers when devices (cell phone, MP3 player, or camera) are finished charging. The chargers still use energy from the outlet, even when they aren't connected to a device.
- ★ Use a smart power strip to make sure all electronics are turned off when not in use.
- ★ Put your computer to sleep. Use the power management settings for your computer and monitor.
- ★ Walk, ride a bike, or skateboard instead of using a car. Cars burn fossil fuels, which contribute to climate change. The less we use, the better!
- ★ Keep doors and windows closed when the air conditioning or heat is on. Hot and cold air escape quickly. Don't let it get away!
- ★ Don't leave the refrigerator door hanging open when you're figuring out what to eat.
- ★ Help your family weatherstrip windows and doors where there are drafts.
- ★ Replace HVAC filters at least once every 3 months.
- ★ Set your thermostat to save the most energy when you're at home, asleep, and away.
- ★ Save on hot water use by not leaving the faucet running and taking shorter showers – preferably under 5 minutes.
- ★ When your family is shopping for a new TV, lightbulb, appliance, or other product that uses energy, recommend that they look for the ENERGY STAR logo, featured above. Visit [www.energystar.gov/products](http://www.energystar.gov/products) for a complete list.
- ★ Visit the ENERGY STAR Kid's page - [www.energystar.gov/kids](http://www.energystar.gov/kids) - for more fun games and activities.
- ★ Check out the ENERGY STAR Kid's Room- [www.energystar.gov/kidsroom](http://www.energystar.gov/kidsroom) - and get tips on how to be an ENERGY STAR ... right in your own bedroom. There's also [www.energystar.gov/home](http://www.energystar.gov/home) with tips on saving energy for your whole home.
- ★ Review the ENERGY STAR Home Check-Up included in this kit for a complete list of things you can do in your home with your family to save energy, money, and the planet.



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