

STAY WARM AND SAVE ENERGY WITH WINTER TIPS FROM VIRGINIA ENERGY SENSE

Read through our tips below on how to prepare your home to keep energy consumption to a minimum during the winter!

Easy DIY Energy-Saving Tips

Plug your devices into a power-strip to automatically turn them all off when not in use



Run your ceiling fans in reverse (clockwise) to circulate hot air back to floor level



Wash your clothes in cold water to **save up to \$47/year**



Lower the temperature on your hot water tank by 10 degrees to **save up to \$9/month**



Turn the thermostat down to **68 degrees** in order to cut heating costs

Identify Air Leaks



Use weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors, windows, electrical wiring or where plumbing comes through walls, floors and ceilings



Install foam gasket covers behind your electrical outlets to reduce drafts



Inspect your fireplace dampers to ensure they are properly closed

More Efficient Lighting Strategy

Switch to LEDs which use less energy and last longer



A single **60-watt** incandescent bulb can burn through **\$52** of electricity per year



Switching to **LEDs** means using up to **75%** less energy

Insulate Your Home



To prevent heat from escaping your home during the winter, **check to make sure** your basement and attic are properly insulated.

Doing so will help maintain a steady temperature throughout your home and **reduce your energy bill** during the colder months.

Visit VirginiaEnergySense.org to learn more easy and cost-effective energy-saving tips.

Virginia Energy Sense is the statewide energy education program under the guidance of the State Corporation Commission created to help Virginians understand their energy use and become more energy efficient.