

FUN IN (AND OUT OF) THE SUN AT VIRGINIA ENERGY SENSE

Summer Tips for Saving Energy

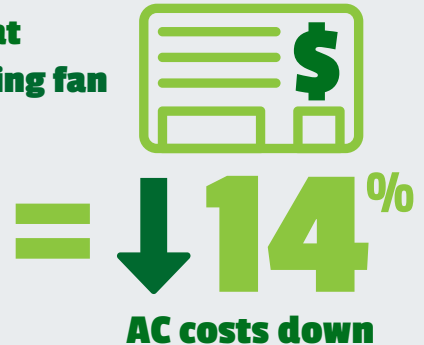
Keep Out the Heat

Maintaining your HVAC system

on a regular basis can not only improve the comfort of your home, but also maintain its efficiency during the summer



Raise thermostat by 2°+ use ceiling fan



AC costs down

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 **80% less energy**

DIY Energy Assessment

Collect these items:



Caulk



Weather stripping



Spray foam



Insulation



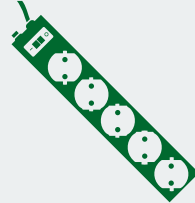
Energy efficient light bulbs



Duct sealant
Mastic tape



Outlet gaskets



Power strips

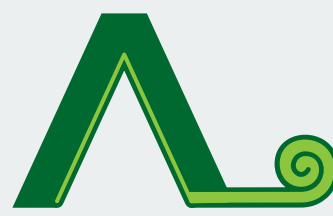


Air filters

Check for air leaks

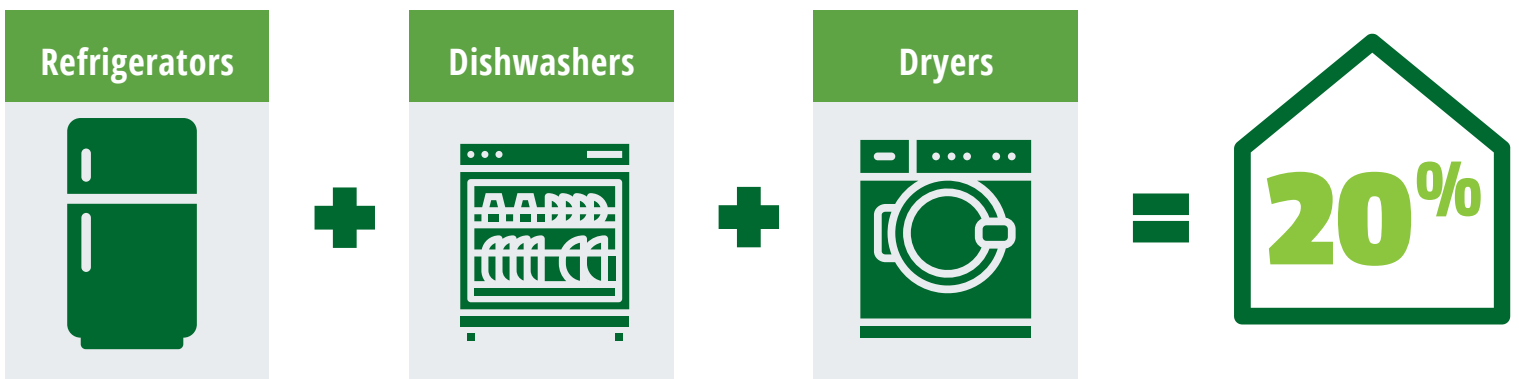


Check the insulation and ventilation in your attic



Did You Know?

Appliances like refrigerators, dishwashers and dryers together account for about **20%** of all energy used in homes?



Water heating accounts for **9%** of energy used in a home, and lighting uses **9%** of the average home's power?



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 support the state's goal to reduce electricity consumption by 10% below 2006 levels by 2022.

Sources: [Virginia Energy Sense](http://VirginiaEnergySense.org)

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