

# SIMPLE, ENERGY-EFFICIENT CHANGES FOR YEAR-ROUND COMFORT, LOWER BILLS AND A GREENER HOME

## FALL & WINTER

### SET IT & FORGET IT

Install a programmable or smart thermostat to help you reduce heating costs automatically.



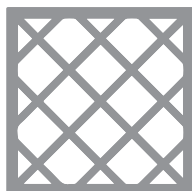
### EFFICIENT EATS

Microwaves, slow cookers and toaster ovens use up to half the energy of a conventional oven.



### REPLACE FILTERS

Help reduce furnace fan energy use by replacing furnace filters every three months.



### SEAL AIR LEAKS

Caulk, draft-proof and weatherstrip doors and windows to keep heat from escaping.



### CLEAR THE WAY

Ensure heating vents are free from furniture, appliances or other objects that can block airflow.



### REVERSE ROTATION

In colder months, set ceiling fan blades to run clockwise to help push warm air downward.



### EARLY OFF

Turn the oven off 10-15 minutes before you are done cooking – food will continue to cook.



### CLOSE THE DAMPER

Have a fireplace? Cover the flue damper when not in use to avoid air leaks and heat loss.



### CLEAN COILS

Vacuum your refrigerator's coils to help it run more efficiently and extend compressor life.



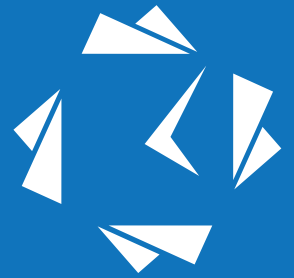
### GET A TUNE-UP

Have a qualified technician inspect your HVAC system annually to ensure it's running efficiently.



## GOING OUT OF TOWN?

- Schedule vacation dates on your smart or programmable thermostat.
- Set lights on timers to make it look like you are home.
- Unplug electronics, especially computers, game consoles, printers and TVs.
- Fill up your fridge with water jugs – it runs more efficiently when full.



## SPRING & SUMMER

### KEEP THE HEAT OUT

Reduce unwanted heat by keeping shades and blinds closed during the day.



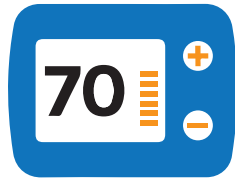
### UPGRADE TO LED LIGHTBULBS

They're 75% more efficient and run cooler than standard lightbulbs, reducing the need for air conditioning.



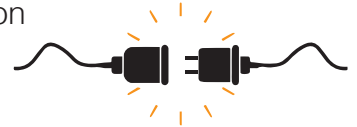
### SET IT & FORGET IT

Install a programmable or smart thermostat to help you reduce cooling costs automatically.



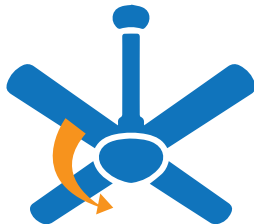
### UNPLUG ELECTRONICS

Electronics such as game consoles and PVRs can use more energy on standby mode than in regular use.



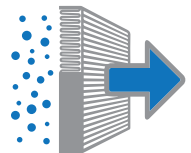
### FAN OUT

Set ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise to help keep cool air pushed down.



### FOCUS ON THE FILTER

If you're using a room air conditioner, clean the air filters once per season minimum – more frequently if you have pets. Dirty filters reduce airflow and system efficiency.



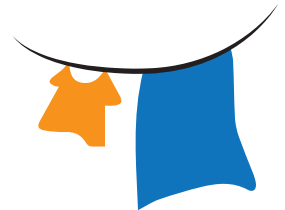
### GRILL OUTDOORS

Reduce electricity use by firing up the BBQ. Cooking outside also keeps the kitchen cool, reducing the need for air conditioning.



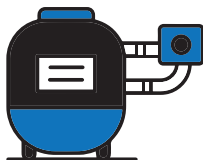
### DRY ON THE LINE

Use a clothesline or drying rack to reduce energy use and heat gain.



### PUMP IT UP

Opt for a high-efficiency pool pump, which uses up to 90% less electricity.



### DO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Schedule a checkup of your cooling equipment with a licensed contractor.

