

# Everyday Tips for Energy Efficiency

- Check for air leaks in duct systems, fireplace dampers, attic hatches, baseboards and around windows and doors. One-third of a home's total heat loss is through unsealed windows and doors.
- If the duct system needs to be sealed, be sure to use a quality mastic sealant.
- Close the fireplace damper securely when not in use.
- Install weather stripping along the doorframe and a door sweep on the bottom of the door.
- To seal windows, use plastic window film, available at home-improvement stores. Seal window edges and cracks with caulk. If windows are old and leaky, consider buying new energy-efficient windows.
- Insulate your home. If your home has little or no insulation, look into adding some.
- Replace conventional light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs). CFLs use a fraction of the energy that traditional bulbs use and can be found at home-improvement stores.
- Purchase energy efficient products when replacing appliances and heating and cooling systems. Look for ENERGY STAR® products.



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