

## How You Can Save Energy

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It's hard to imagine life without electricity. In our homes, we rely on it to power our lights, appliances, and electronics. Many of us also use electricity to provide our homes with hot water, heat, and air conditioning. There are many ways you can use less electricity right now!



### What you can do

- Set your home's thermostat a few degrees lower. For each one-degree change, your family can save up to 5 percent on your home's heating and cooling costs!
- Turn off lights and all electronics (like computers, televisions, stereos, and video-games) when you leave a room.
- Use the microwave instead of the oven for cooking your meals.
- Use machines like washers, dryers, and dishwashers after 8 p.m.
- Open your blinds or curtains on sunny winter days to let the sun shine into your home.
- Save hot water by taking short showers instead of baths.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
- Occasionally hold a ribbon up to the edges of your home's windows. If air is leaking into, or out of, the house, the ribbon will move. If you find a leak, let someone in your family know so they can fix it.



### What your family can do

TVA's *energy right* program helps you find ways to make your home or business more energy-efficient and lower your power bills. Complete a free online home energy audit and you'll receive a detailed report on energy-efficiency improvements you can make. [Click here to get started.](#)

Buying new appliances? Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when replacing large or small appliances. [Click here to learn more.](#)

You can set up a rain barrel to collect the water that runs off your roof and use it water the lawn or wash the car. [Find out why rain barrels are such a good idea.](#)