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“A few small steps this winter could add up to big savings.” - Louis O’Berry, energy management adviser at REC

Heating your home likely accounts for the bulk of your electric bill in the winter months. But there are steps you can take to keep your bill lower.

“Before the bitter cold arrives, we urge all members to plan ahead and prepare their homes for winter,” O’Berry said.

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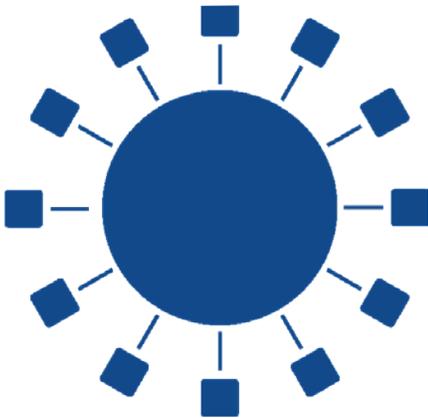
Tips to Save Money and Energy this Winter



- 1** Turn that thermostat down. A setting of 68 degrees or lower for heating is ideal for energy savings.
- 2** Set your programmable thermostat to automatically lower the temperature when you are away or sleeping.
- 3** Have your heating system serviced and performance-tested to ensure it will run properly in the winter.
- 4** Seal and insulate all ducts in unheated places.
- 5** Use space heaters wisely. One heater running 12 hours/day can use over \$70 of electricity.
- 6** Inspect your home for proper insulation and seal air leaks.
- 7** Make sure doors and windows close tightly. Use window film kits to keep out drafts and use caulk and weatherstripping around doors.
- 8** Insulate water pipes in unheated spaces, especially hot water lines.
- 9** If not using your wood stove or fireplace, close the damper to reduce drafts.
- 10** Install an insulating blanket on your water heater if it is located in an unheated space. Set the water heater temperature to 120 degrees.

BONUS TIP

Log in to MyREC SmartHub: Check and compare your daily and monthly energy use, pay your bill, report an outage and much more. Visit myrec.smarthub.coop and get started today!



MyREC SmartHub has all the tools you need to monitor your energy use daily, monthly, and even compare year-over-year usage. These handy tools are provided free to our members and all you need is a MyREC SmartHub profile. You can download the MyREC SmartHub app for iOS or Android, or access the website at myrec.smarthub.coop.

To access the tools:

- 1) Sign into MyREC SmartHub.
- 2) Click My Usage. That's It!

If you don't have a MyREC SmartHub profile, please enroll free at myrec.smarthub.coop. Click on the link next to New User.

From here you can find your kWh usage for the month or day, and compare with what you were using the previous year.

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