

# Splash Into Savings

## Clever Tips to Cut Your Water-Related Energy Use



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## Save Energy—and Money— with Smart Water Tips

While you might not be running your heating or air-conditioning units much during October, now is a great time to look for other areas of your home to reduce your energy use to save money on your electric bill.

### Water Use

- If your hot water tank is warm to the touch, consider insulating it.
- Consider insulating your hot water pipes. Doing so can reduce heat loss.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees.

### More water-related savings steps you can take:

- If you find yourself waiting for the water in your shower to get hot, consider installing a new shower head that has a temperature-sensitive switch that turns off the water when hot. When you step into the shower, you flick a switch on the shower head that restarts the hot water flow.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Repair leaky faucets promptly. A leaky faucet wastes gallons of water in a short period of time.
- Wash only full loads of dishes.
- Wash only full loads of clothes in cold water.
- Run your garbage disposal with cold water.



## BONUS SAVINGS TIP

*Did you know water heating is typically your home's third-largest energy expense.*

A new, more efficient water heater can cut that cost, especially if your current water heater is more than seven years old, leaking or constantly needing repair. REC's Water Heater Replacement program can assist with arranging delivery and installation of a new water heater, as well as give you up to 36 months to pay for it - interest free.



**Ready to start saving with a new energy-efficient water heater?**

Learn more:  
[myrec.coop/water-heaters](https://myrec.coop/water-heaters)

# What's Costing You the Most on Your Bill?

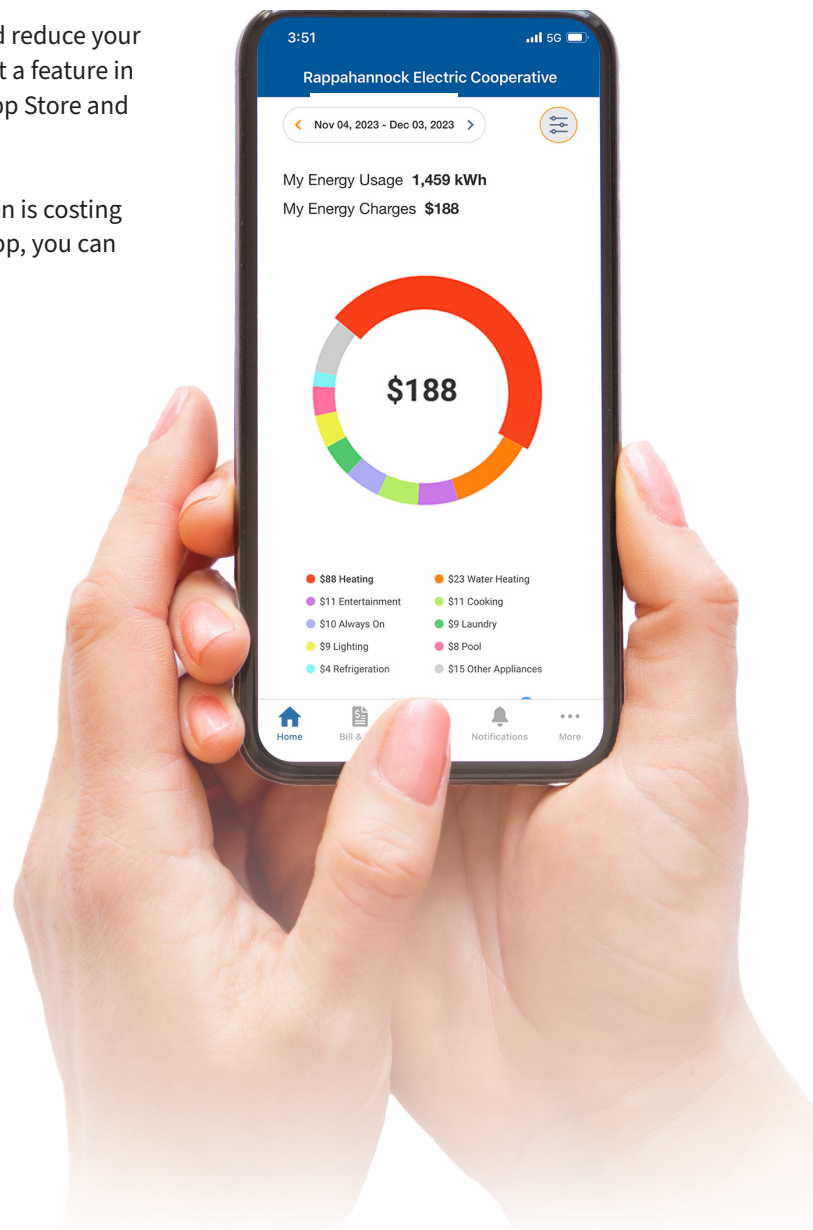
## Download the MyREC SmartHub App to See How You Can Start Saving Today!

At REC, we are always looking for ways to help you save money and reduce your energy usage. That's why your cooperative is so excited to highlight a feature in the MyREC SmartHub app, which is available for free in both the App Store and Google Play.

Always wondered how much your clothes dryer, dishwasher or oven is costing you everyday? Now you can find out! With the MyREC SmartHub app, you can receive details customized just for you.

- **A home energy profile** is available for you to fill out. To maximize your savings, it is critical to fill out this profile. You can then receive emails and alerts customized just for your home.
- **A monthly summary email** will show how much electricity you used during your latest billing period, provide insight into your electricity usage by appliance – and share tips on how to save.
- **A customized dashboard** will spell out in simple terms where you are using the most energy and when.
- **A budget alert** is available for members who want to avoid hitting a customized energy use threshold. A high usage alert tells you when you have exceeded your average energy usage in recent days.

MyREC SmartHub also includes other robust energy use analytics tools, which allow you to compare energy use over time and against weather data. Tracking your energy use like this lets you see if you're using more energy than usual and empowers you to make adjustments if necessary.



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