



Quick and Easy Tips for Energy Efficiency

The reduced burning of fossil fuels means lower emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other gases which contribute to global warming, air pollution and public health problems.

1. Outdoor Air Conditioner and Indoor Vents

Keep the outdoor air conditioner coil and indoor vents clear of toys, dirt, and drapes, etc.

2. Air Conditioner

Increase/decrease your air conditioner temperature by one degree in summer/winter, and dress properly for heat or cold.

3. Humidifiers

Adding a humidifier to your heating system lets you turn the thermostat down and be more comfortable at lower temperatures.

4. Dirty Filters

Changing dirty filters on your furnace could save you five percent on your heating bill. Buy re-usable filters to cut down on landfill waste.

5. Windows

Twenty five percent of a home's heat is lost through windows. Wrapping your windows with plastic is a low-cost option to reduce this loss of heat or replace windows with energy efficient ones.

6. Air Leaks

The potential energy savings from reducing drafts in our homes ranges from 5% to 30% per year.

7. Energy-Efficient Appliances

Use energy efficient appliances at home. Look for this sign when you buy a new appliance in China. Place appliances away from a heat source and in a cool room to save energy and reduce carbon emissions.



8. Computer

Shut down your computer and accessories when not in use; that will save up to 60% of the energy used

9. Power Off

Unplug electronic devices and re-chargers when not in use and save an extra 2% in energy costs.

10. Dish Washing

Avoid washing dishes in hot running water. Fill the sink halfway, and then scrub away. Rinse as needed.

11. Laundry

Wash full loads, and hang-dry your laundry. If you must use it half full then use the economy setting, and low temperature.

12. Recirculation Pump

By reducing the distance heated water has to travel to 20 feet or less, or by installing a recirculation pump to recirculate hot water before it goes down the drain by, you won't have to waste running water until it has reached a tolerable temperature.

13. Turning off Water Heater

If you use water heater everyday, do not turn it off; however, if you only use it once every few days or less often, it will save energy if you turn it off after you use it.

14. Daylight

Open your blinds or curtain to allow daylight into your home; reduce the need for electrical lighting during the day.

15. Turn off the Lights when not in use

Always turn off the lights when leaving a room, even if it's only for a few minutes.

16. Light placement

Try to put floor or table lamps in a corner, and use task lighting to focus light where it is needed.

17. Incandescent to Fluorescent

Change from incandescent to fluorescent lighting. Compact fluorescent lights use up to 75% less energy than comparable standard light bulbs and can last up to 10 times longer. Remember to safely dispose of finished bulbs.

18. Education

Encourage your school or workplace to implement these and other energy-efficiency and waste-reduction measures too.

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