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## Energy Saving Facts

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- Remember three important words: turn it off. Don't leave the video game on pause, or the computer in sleep mode. Those electronics are still using energy, even when you aren't using them.
- If you aren't in the room, turn off the lights. Always remember to flick that switch, or unplug that light when you leave the room.
- You can make it easy to turn off all those home electronics like TV's, DVD players, computers and more. Simply plug them into power strips, and then turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.
- Modern washing machines use less water to get clothes just as clean. They also spin faster, squeezing more water out and reducing drying time.
- Use ENERGY STAR-labeled lighting for outdoor fixtures and other lights left on for more than four hours
- ENERGY STAR qualified appliances use 10 to 50 percent less energy and water than standard models.
- Weather-stripping drafty doors and windows can reduce your heating bill by 10 percent.
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs can save you \$40 to \$50 over their lifetime.
- Replacing 25 percent of the lights in your high-traffic areas with compact fluorescent light bulbs can save you about 50 percent on your lighting expenses.
- Those high-definition televisions are great, but keep in mind they use six times as much energy as a regular television.
- Well thought out plantings can cut your summer cooling and winter heating costs dramatically.
- Turning off a second refrigerator can save you up to \$15 a month.
- Speaking of refrigerators, do you know what you want to grab out of there before you open that door. Standing in front of an open fridge uses up more energy than you think.
- An easy way to manage energy costs and save money year round is to turn your water heater down to 120 degrees.
- Reduce your electric bill \$75 a year just by switching to an ENERGY STAR washing machine.
- If you replace five frequently used lights in your home with energy efficient bulbs you can save up to \$60 a year.

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