

OUC's Top Energy Saving Tips

Try these conservation tips to save money on your electric bill year-round:

- **Change or clean heating and air-conditioning filters monthly.** Dirty filters put an unnecessary strain on the unit and can increase operating costs.
- **To cool your home or apartment without breaking the bank, set your air conditioning thermostat at 78 degrees.** When you leave the house, turn it up to 85 degrees or higher and plan on a savings of 6-8 percent for each degree you raise the setting. In winter, set your thermostat at 68 degrees.
- **Install ceiling fans throughout your home to help you stay comfortably cool.** Remember to turn fans off in unoccupied areas.
- **Close curtains, mini-blinds or shutters to keep out the heat.** During winter months, open shades to let in the sunshine. For extra shade, plant plenty of trees and shrubs.
- **Check air handler and ductwork for leaks; weather-strip or caulk around windows, doors, plumbing and other gaps so that heating and cooling energy won't escape.**
- **Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).** Fluorescents give the same light output for one-third to one-half the cost, and they produce less heat.



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Looking for practical solutions to reduce your utility bill? Get the facts about the most common home energy and water myths — and more — just by watching our Energy and Water Conservation DVD. We'll walk you through a "do-it-yourself" energy and water guide for your home — in English or Spanish — that will help you save money . . . and keep your home comfortable at the same time.

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HOME AND APARTMENT ENERGY GUIDE

How to Lower Your Electric Bill

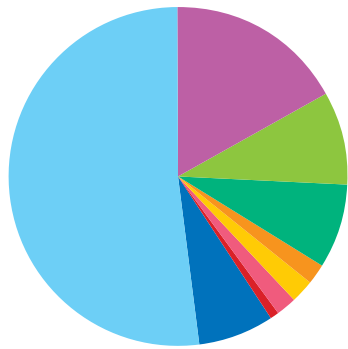


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WHAT GOES UP Can Come Down

If your electric bill is higher than you want it to be and you'd like to bring it down . . . then you need to know what's making it go up.



- Air Conditioning or Electric Heating 52%
- Water Heater 17%
- TV, Lights, Clocks, Coffee Maker, Toaster, etc. 9%
- Refrigerator/Freezer 8%
- Range and Oven 2%
- Clothes Washer 2%
- Clothes Dryer 2%
- Dishwashing 1%
- Other 7%

Want a cleaner picture of how your home or apartment uses energy? Visit OUC's free Online Home Energy Audit for a customized report on your home's energy usage and how you can lower your utility bill.



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How Much Energy Do Your Appliances Use?

Some household appliances have a bigger appetite for energy than others. It's helpful to identify the major culprits.

Cost per Month

Kitchen Appliances

Refrigerator.....	\$9.97-\$12.98
Upright Freezer	\$6.63-\$8.61
Chest Freezer.....	\$4.02-\$5.22
Dishwasher	\$4.12-\$8.24
Oven/Range	\$2.98-\$3.29
Microwave	\$0.73-\$1.07
Toaster Oven	\$1.19-\$1.46

Small Appliances

Clock Radio	\$0.94-\$3.74
Hair Dryer	\$0.47-\$0.73
Iron	\$0.26-\$0.47
Radio/Stereo	\$0.27-\$1.56
Vacuum Cleaner	\$0.26-\$0.37

Laundry

Clothes Washer

Cold Wash and Cold Rinse	\$0.04 per load
Warm Wash and Cold Rinse	\$0.28 per load
Hot Wash and Cold Rinse.....	\$0.53 per load
Clothes Dryer.....	\$0.65 per load

Hours per Month

Entertainment

Television (19" to 36")-150 hrs	\$1.27-\$2.59
LCD Television (42")-150 hrs	\$2.93
Plasma Television (42")-150 hrs.....	\$4.88
Personal Computer-60 hrs	\$0.94
Personal Computer (stand by)-720 hrs	\$2.81
Computer Monitor-60 hrs	\$1.17
Computer Monitor (stand by)-720 hrs	\$2.81

Please Note:

The values included in this guide are offered as a general estimate based on typical household usage (at .13/kWh). Your home's actual usage and monthly bill may vary.



Cost per Month

Water Heating

Electric Water Heater

One-person household	\$24.03
Two-person household	\$30.04
Three-person household	\$36.05
Four-person household	\$42.06

Heating and Cooling

Air Conditioner or Heat Pump (SEER 9)

800 sq.ft.....	\$83.20
1,200 sq.ft.....	\$124.80
1,600 sq.ft.....	\$166.40
2,000 sq.ft.....	\$208.00

Air Conditioner or Heat Pump (SEER 13)

800 sq.ft.....	\$57.60
1,200 sq.ft.....	\$86.40
1,600 sq.ft.....	\$115.20
2,000 sq.ft.....	\$144.00

Central Strip Heat

800 sq.ft.....	\$208.00
1,200 sq.ft.....	\$312.00
1,600 sq.ft.....	\$416.00
2,000 sq.ft.....	\$520.00

Ceiling Fan.....\$1.87

Pool

Pool Pump (1 HP 8 hrs/day or 240hrs/m) \$23.28-\$29.09