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MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO SAVE MONEY

Implement these water and energy tips in 2024

Welcome to 2024, a fresh start for new beginnings and resolutions. This year, commit to saving money by implementing these simple water and energy conservation tips. As a bonus, you can significantly reduce your bill, while making a positive impact on the planet.

HEATING AND COOLING EFFICIENCY

- Conduct annual checkups of your cooling and heating system to ensure optimal operation.
- Regularly vacuum registers and vents to remove dust buildup.
- Monitor your electric and water usage effectively through OUC's Usage Dashboard.
- Adjust the direction of your ceiling fans with the season to enhance air circulation.
- Consider upgrading to a heat pump rated 15 SEER or higher to save on heating and cooling costs.

THERMOSTAT MANAGEMENT

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when cooling and 68 degrees or lower when heating your home.
- Prevent fires and improve efficiency by cleaning your dryer vent regularly.
- Check your water heater temperature, ensuring it's no higher than 120 degrees.

WINDOW STRATEGIES

- Use shades, drapes or blinds to control the sun's impact on your home, depending on the season.
- Plant trees or move container plants in front of windows to aid with shading.

WATER CONSERVATION

- Turn off the water when brushing or shaving and while applying soap and shampoo in the shower.
- Install flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads.
- Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only with full loads.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water and turn off the faucet.
- Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation.
- Recycle dog dish water and aquarium water to irrigate plants.

By adopting these easy-to-follow tips, you can contribute to a more cost-effective lifestyle, achieving your New Year's resolution to save money while also reducing your environmental footprint in 2024. Discover more tips by visiting **OUC.com/conservation**.



OWN A CONTRACTING **BUSINESS?** UNLOCK NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUC'S PREFERRED CONTRACTOR **NETWORK**

OUC is actively recruiting vendors to join the OUC Preferred Contractor Network (PCN). The PCN recognizes certified contractors who have agreed to follow our code of ethics, meet the contractor requirements, have been approved through our application process, educated on how to process OUC point-of-sale rebates and agree to consider cross-promotional opportunities. If you're the owner of a contracting business and wish to be considered for the PCN, visit OUC.com/ PCN. Don't miss this opportunity to grow your business while contributing to a sustainable future. Apply today!

SAVE ENERGY AND CASH WITH A FREE IN-HOME ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY AUDIT

Start the New Year with an assessment of your energy and water usage so you can keep your bill in check. OUC's FREE in-home energy and water efficiency audit will evaluate

your home's energy and water efficiency and make suggestions on improvements that will help you save money.



Get started from the comfort of your own home at OUC.com/energyaudit.

2024 WATER COLOR CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

The 2024 Water Color Calendar is now available! This calendar features the top 13 conservationthemed illustrations submitted by local fourthand fifth-grade students in OUC's 18th annual Water Color Project Calendar Contest. The program is an educational outreach effort designed to encourage water conservation through art. Pickup your free copy today at OUC Reliable Plaza, 100

W. Anderson Street, Orlando, FL 32801.



2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Learn more about H₂OUC via the 2022 OUC Water Quality Report at OUC.com/wqr2022. En español espanol.ouc.com/ wqr2022.





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