

8 TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY MONEY AT HOME

Are you heating your home or the great U.P. outdoors??

- 1. Hot air rises.** Run a ceiling fan to circulate warm air.
- 2. Use thick curtains or blinds** to help prevent heat loss through windows. Open curtains on south facing windows to let sun in. In other words, utilize FREE passive solar heating opportunities.
- 3. Seek for leaks!** – Hunt for leaks around windows and doors, and then use caulking and weather stripping. Look around baseboards, electrical outlets and attic hatches.
- 4. Cover drafty windows** – Cover the insides of windows with plastic window covering to prevent heat loss. Window insulation kits are moderately priced, easy to install, and can save you big \$ on heating bills!
- 5. Turn down the temperature** and close doors to unused rooms if you have electric heat.
- 6. Don't overheat your house.** Consider lowering the thermostat and wearing a sweater – you can save hundreds of \$\$\$!!! For every 1°C (2°F) you lower your thermostat, you save 2% on your heating bill. A reduction of 3°C (5°F) at night and while you are away during the day can provide tremendous savings.
- 7. Automate** the indoor air temperature – Install an electronic and programmable thermostat to maximize your house heating without overheating unnecessarily.
- 8. Remove window air conditioners** – Cold air can seep in between the air conditioner and window frame. If fixed in place, seal air conditioner with caulking or tape and cover it with an airtight, insulated jacket to avoid heat loss.

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