

Use these tips to decrease your energy bills and stay warm for the holidays.

**Use the sun.** Open the curtains during the day to heat your house naturally.

**Rearrange furniture.** Move furniture away from exterior walls to avoid sitting in drafts.

Use fabrics. Cover hardwood floors with area rugs to reduce chill. Use throw blankets and wear warm clothing rather than turning up the heater.

Seal out the cold. Check and repair sealant around windows, doors, chimneys and air vents to prevent cold air from seeping indoors.

Become water-efficient. Turn down the temperature on your water heater. Do as much laundry as possible in cold water. Take short showers.

Disconnect. Unplug any electronic devices or utilities when you’re not using them. Electronics still use energy when plugged in, even if they’re turned off.

Deck the halls. Use LED lights to decorate. They are more energy-efficient and will cost less for your holiday cheer.

Reduce temperatures. Program your thermostat to cool by 10-15 degrees while you sleep. Use your heater as a last resort.

Use your fireplace. Keep the flue and damper closed when your fireplace is not in use. Add a glass door to keep warm air from escaping. Turn down your thermostat when the fireplace is in use.

Update insulation. Make sure your home’s insulation is up-to-date and efficient. Investing in proper insulation now saves you big heating expenses later.

Stay warm this season and give me a call today if you’re ready to buy or sell your home!

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