

SAVE MONEY THIS WINTER

THESE SIMPLE TIPS MAY HELP YOU GAIN CONTROL OVER YOUR ENERGY BILLS

DON'T LET AIR SEEP INTO YOUR HOME THROUGH THE ATTIC ACCESS DOOR. CHECK THE DOOR TO MAKE SURE IT IS WELL INSULATED AND WEATHER STRIPPED – OTHERWISE, YOU'LL BE WASTING FUEL TO HEAT OR COOL THE ATTIC.

FIREPLACES SHOULD HAVE TIGHTLY FITTING DAMPERS THAT CAN BE CLOSED WHEN THE FIREPLACE IS NOT IN USE. OPEN DAMPERS ALLOW THE NATURAL DRAFT OF CHIMNEYS TO PULL WARM AIR OUT IN WINTER.

USE KITCHEN, BATH AND OVER VENTILATING FANS SPARINGLY AND KEEP AS MUCH HEAT AS POSSIBLE INSIDE YOUR HOME. YOU CAN BLOW AWAY A HOUSEFUL OF HEAT IN JUST TWO TO THREE HOURS USING VENTILATING FANS. IN THE HEATING SEASON, WATER VAPORS FROM BATHING AND COOKING ARE BENEFICIAL BECAUSE THEY HELP HUMIDIFY THE HOME.

KEEP YOUR CLOTHES DRYER'S LINT SCREEN CLEAN AND IT'S OUTSIDE EXHAUST FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS. CLEAN THE LINT SCREEN AFTER EACH LOAD OF LAUNDRY, AND CHECK THE EXHAUST REGULARLY. A LINT SCREEN IN NEED OF CLEANING AND A CLOGGED EXHAUST CAN LENGTHEN DRYING TIME AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY USED.

AVOID OVER-DRYING. THIS NOT ONLY REPRESENTS A WASTE OF ENERGY BUT CAN HARM FABRICS AS WELL.

NEVER USE AN OPEN ELECTRIC OVEN AS A ROOM HEATER OR AS A SOURCE OF WARM AIR FOR DRYING RAIN-DAMPENED OUTERWEAR. IF THE KITCHEN IS FURNISHED WITH THE TYPE OF REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER THAT EXHAUSTS WARM AIR THROUGH A FRONT FLOOR-LEVEL GRILLE, DAMP SHOES CAN BE DRIED QUITE NICELY AND AT NO ENERGY COST BY PLACING THEM ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE GRILLE.

NEVER PUT A SECOND REFRIGERATOR IN THE GARAGE. IN THE WINTER MONTHS, FROZEN FOODS MAY MELT (AS THE TEMPERATURE SENSOR IN THE REFRIGERATOR WILL NOT ACTIVATE THE COMPRESSOR IF THE TEMPERATURE IN THE GARAGE IS 42 DEGREES F OR LOWER). IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, THE TEMPERATURE IN THE GARAGE CAN EASILY EXCEED 100 DEGREES F, AND THE REFRIGERATOR HAS TO WORK EXTRA HARD TO KEEP FOOD COLD. IF YOU NEED A SECOND UNIT, PLACE IT IN YOUR BASEMENT...AND KEEP IT FULL.

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