

Area Residents Can Save Now by Making Common Sense Changes in Their Home

You may be worried about your energy bills. The average household spends more than \$2000 annually on gas and electricity, but, there are opportunities to save. With new smart meters being installed in your community, you can now take control of your energy use and potentially save money. To uncover these savings, local non-profit Elevate Energy is helping homeowners in the area make smart choices about energy.

For example, many residents aren't aware of various pricing programs, which leverage new smart meters to allow you to pay based off of when you use your electricity. Shifting electricity usage to lower priced hours can lower your electric bills. Elevate Energy advisors have more information on how these programs work as well as other ways you can take advantage of your new advanced meter.

Even bigger savings can be achieved by making home energy efficiency improvements, which can cut energy bills by an average of \$400 per year. Most homes (even newer ones) are too cold in the winter and too warm in the summer. Unfortunately, many assume this is normal. But with basic improvements, every home can be cozier and more comfortable year-round. Elevate Energy makes it easy. Advisors will connect you with utility rebates as well as a network of qualified contractors to help you make the best, most cost-effective improvements to your home.

Homes that make improvements and reduce their energy loss by 15% or more are eligible for an Illinois Home Performance with ENERGY STAR certificate. This certificate can help you sell your home faster or for more money.

You're invited to a workshop on home energy efficiency hosted by Wilbur Wright College:

Tuesday, July 28th at 6:30 pm

Classroom S-247

Wilbur Wright College

4300 N Narragansett Ave, Chicago

Please RSVP to the Elizabeth Corrado from Elevate Energy at 773-671-0495.