

Fall

Money Saving Tips:

Every **Fall** we turn our clocks back an hour for **Daylight Savings Time**. Fall means less light in the evening but pleasant temperatures. Save money and energy this fall with these lighting and passive heating tips.

Around the House

Bag leaves and yard debris in large **Biodegradable Bags** or try **Composting**.

Use **Washable Cloth Towels** for dusting and cleaning.

Check for **Leaks** and **Drafts** around windows and doors.

Weatherize with weather stripping or **Caulk** with Low/No VOC sealants.

Heating and Cooling

Open **Windows** to let fresh air in your home.

Use **Curtains** to control the heat from the sun.

Program your **Thermostat** for the season. Use the **Auto** setting.

Avoid turning on and off the **Furnace** and **Air Conditioning**.

Lighting

Open curtains and clean windows to let in **Sunlight**.

Remove **Window Screens** from closed windows to let in 25% more light.

Use **Compact Fluorescent Bulbs**(CFL).

Keep **Light Bulbs** dust free. Clean when light bulb is turned off and cool.

Checklist

- Program digital thermostat for Fall.
- Check/replace weather stripping around doors.
- Change furnace filter in October.
- Check vents for drafts and leaks.
- Check/clean dehumidifier filter and set to 50% relative humidity.
- Check under all sinks to make sure P-trap is secure.
- Seasonally adjust dampers on HVAC supply lines.
- Re-caulk counters, sump pump lid, bath tops, basement slabs to walls, and thresholds.
- Check that bath fans are functional.

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