

Already know your ABCs?



How about learning the ABCs of energy efficiency? For each letter of the alphabet, there is a way to introduce energy efficiency into your life. Check out these quick and easy tips you can use in your home and everyday life to reduce your energy use and help the environment. It's as easy as A-B-C!

A

Always turn the lights off when you leave the room to save kilowatts and reduce your energy bill.

B

Boiling pots should be covered for faster boiling by using less energy.

C

Cleaning your refrigerator coils helps your fridge use less energy.

D

Dry laundry on the lowest heat settings; you'll use less energy and it's gentler on your clothes.

E

ENERGY STAR® certified products use less energy and water than standard models that meet minimum federal guidelines.

F

Filters for cooling and heating need to be cleaned and/or replaced as recommended. Replacing filters can reduce energy use by up to 15%.

G

Go outside! Give the appliances in your kitchen a break and fire up the grill!

H

Have your light bulbs replaced with [LED models](#) for 80% more efficiency.

I

Install a [programmable thermostat](#) and save up to 10% each year on heating and cooling.

J

Just shortening your shower by 4 minutes may save over 3,000 gallons of water annually.

K

Keep your curtains closed to lock in the heat.

L

Low-flow showerheads reduce water use by up to 40%.

M

Make sure your air vents are not blocked for better airflow.

N

Natural light will help keep your home warm.

O

Open the oven only when necessary. When opened, the temperature is reduced by up to 25%.

P

Prepare food before turning on appliances.

Q

Quickly fix any leaky faucet to avoid unnecessary water use.

R

Recycle inefficient appliances; it can save energy and be good for the environment.

S

Switch your electronics to energy-saving mode when not in use.

T

Turn off the monitor if you aren't going to use your PC again for more than 20 minutes.

U

Use cold water for washing clothes whenever possible to save on water costs.

V

Vampire power can be reduced by using advanced power strips.

W

Weatherize your home to save on heating and cooling costs.

X

Xeriscaping is landscaping that requires little, if any, irrigation. It is suited to dry and drought-prone areas and it typically uses native or regionally adapted plants.

Y

You can save approximately 10% on your energy bill by turning your thermostat back 10°F for 8 hours a day.

Z

Zero-energy building, also known as net-zero building, is happening all over the state! [Check out the improvements they have made.](#)

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