# Conserve energy. Save money.

Here are some tips and ideas from Community Action to help you save money on your power bills.



## Let the sunshine in

In the summer, close window coverings to keep the heat out and open in the winter to let the heat in.



# Turn off AC at night

Open the windows at night to allow the cool summer air into your home, and switch off air conditioning.



# Efficient lighting

Replacing just 5 of your home's lights with efficient LED bulbs could save you \$75 a year in energy costs.



## Take short showers

Hot water is expensive. Cutting your shower time by a few minutes could help you save on energy bills.



## The thermostat

Install a set-back thermostat. It can save 5%-10% on your heating and air conditioning costs.



# **Turn off the lights**

Try to get into the habit of switching out the light when you leave a room. It's a simple way to save energy.



# **Insulate your home**

Your Local Community Action Agency can help you and your family save money on your utility bills by improving the energy efficiency of your home. If resources allow, you may be eligible for this program.

If approved, our trained staff will visit your home and put together a plan that will save you the most money. We'll always explain what we're doing and how it helps you save.



## Use a clothes rack

Don't use a clothes dryer often - it is responsible for 6% of your energy bill. Instead, hang dry clothing outside.



# Unplug electronics

Even if they're turned off, devices can passively draw power, increasing costs. Unplug them to save money.



# **Cold wash laundry**

Hot water heating accounts for about 90% of the energy a washer uses, so use cold water whenever possible.



# Showerhead

Not a fan of taking shorter showers? Install a low-flow showerhead that provides 1.5qpm instead.



# Keep vents clear

Make sure air registers and radiators aren't blocked by furniture, rugs, drapes or other objects.

To learn more, visit your local Community Action Agency