

# 8 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

## Tips for staying comfortable all winter long.



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### ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT TO SAVINGS

**1** Lowering your home's thermostat just 3 degrees from 75° to 72°, will cut your heating costs by about 10%. And lowering the thermostat from 72° to 62° each night while you sleep can reduce your monthly heating bills by another 10%.

**2** Make sure to lower your thermostats if you are leaving the home for any period of time; you'll use much less energy to warm your home upon your return then to keep it heated while you're away.

**3** Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature at night or when your away at work. You'll save up to \$100 in just the first year, and you'll still always awake or return to a warm comfortable home.

**4** Heating your whole bedroom is the most expensive way to stay warm at night. Consider using flannel sheets, a down or plump fiber-fill comforter, and an electric mattress pad or blanket to stay comfortable at night.

### FOUR MORE WAYS TO SAVE

**5** Before you turn up the thermostat, turn on your kettle. Drinking something warm really does help to warm your body up.

**6** That half-empty extra refrigerator in the garage or basement is a real energy waster. Is it worth an extra \$15/month or more just to keep leftovers and beverages cold?

**7** Even on the coldest day of the year, an engine block heater only takes 1 ½ hours to warm your engine. If you currently use a block heater 10 hours per night, adding an inexpensive timer can save you \$20 month on your electric bill.

**8** Check the age and condition of your major appliances, especially the refrigerator. New energy star appliances can save you a lot of money. (\$60/year for a fridge, \$110/year for a clothes washer) HG&E also offers a \$50 rebate on qualifying models.

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# Looking to save energy?

**HG&E offers homeowners up to \$5,000 in zero-interest assistance to install energy conservation measures.**

The Residential Energy Conservation Program can provide homeowners with the money they need to make energy-saving improvements to their homes.

The program offers interest-free assistance for home insulation projects, installation of Energy Star replacement windows, or for an upgrade of your home's gas-fired heating system to modern efficiency standards.

The assistance can be repaid over up to 60 months, and payments conveniently appear on your monthly HG&E energy bill.

Taking these conservation steps can save the average homeowner over \$100 per month in winter heating costs.

To find out more about this program, visit our website at [www.hged.com/conserve](http://www.hged.com/conserve) or contact us at (413) 536-9300.



See the Residential Energy Conservation Program Application for complete details.

## helpful telephone numbers



### **HG&E Customer Accounts**

for general account and incentive program questions **(413)536-9300**

### **HG&E Credit Department**

to discuss past due bills and set-up payment arrangements **(413)536-9374**

### **MuniHELPS Audit Hotline**

for conservation questions or to schedule an energy audit **(888)335-7203**

### **Valley Opportunity Council**

to apply for low-income fuel assistance programs **(413)552-1548**

### **Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Fund**

offers eligible families up to \$275 to help pay heating bills **(800)262-1320**



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