



As the winter season approaches here are some

Heating Tips

To make your home toasty and efficient!

Lower the thermostat(s)

Turning down your thermostat by only one degree can reduce your heating costs by as much as three percent!

Use the heat only when you're home and awake

If you have a programmable thermostat take advantage of it! Set the times you are not at home a few degrees lower than when you are home. If you have a manual thermostat, you might want to consider investing in a programmable thermostat. If not, turn down the thermostat before you go to bed at night and when you are away from home. You will significantly reduce your gas bill by heating your home for only the few hours you are home instead of 24 hours a day.

Clean heat sources

Make sure the space surrounding your heating system is clear of dust and debris. Do not crowd your heating equipment with boxes or any other storage and make sure the unit has fresh air.

Maximize warm air coming from radiators, convectors, and/or vents

To improve comfort and efficiency make sure that furniture and window draperies are not blocking the flow of heat.

Seal drafts

Small cracks can let warm air out and cold air in! Keep your doors and windows closed and try to block cracks and openings to the outdoors. If you have a fireplace make sure the damper and fireplace door is closed when not in use.

Have multiple zones? Take advantage of it!

Only heat rooms that are in use!

Dress for the season!

Shorts and a t-shirt might not be the best choice of clothing during the heating season. Use sweaters and extra blankets when it's cold outside. Something as simple as dressing appropriate can significantly reduce your heating costs!