



Winter Energy Conservation Tips for the Home

When it's icy outside, we step inside to shake off the cold, but keeping our homes heated can be very costly and energy intensive.

Don't resign yourself to sitting in the cold just yet! You *can* have a warm, toasty winter without spending a fortune or helping to heat the planet beyond *its* comfort

During the winter weekends, check for opportunities to use these tips and improve your energy saving efforts. One of the simplest ways you can stay cozy and save energy is to inspect your house for drafts sneaking in from the outside.

Seal any leaks with insulation, caulking, weather stripping, and door snakes,

If your attic isn't insulated, make sure to insulate the entrance so the cold doesn't seep into your house from above.

Install ceiling fans and set them clockwise in winter, to help push warmer air down where you can enjoy it.

Set your thermostat to 65 F or lower, and wear layers of warm cotton clothing in dark colors that absorb light and heat.

Consider investing in a programmable thermostat that fulfills heating needs around your schedule. You set it so the heat kicks on for a specified amount of time before you arrive home or before you get up in the mornings.

Better yet, invite all of your friends over and have a winter gala. Rumor has it that each guest is the equivalent of a 175-watt heater. The more the merrier—and toastier!