



Your Home is Your Castle

Save your energy and your money with these easy tips:

- Caulk and seal air leaks inside and around the exterior of your home
- Replace dirty air conditioner filters each month; this could save 10 to 27 percent on cooling costs
- Weather-stripping around the sashes and frames of doors and windows to help prevent heat loss
- Release trapped air from hot water radiators once or twice a season
- Raise your thermostat in the summer and lower it in the winter
- Have your furnace and air conditioner serviced annually
- Air conditioner units should be shaded from direct sunlight
- Use appliances such as dishwashers, ovens, washers and dryers at night
- Wash clothes using cold or warm water...always rinse in cold water
- Dry loads consecutively...be sure to clean the lint filters after each use
- Water heaters generally last only 10 – 15 years. Replace your old one before it fails with a new energy efficient water heater.
- Insulate your hot water heater tank and water pipes
- Drain a little water from your hot water heater every 2 – 3 months. This removes some of the sediment that collects in the bottom of the tank, impeding heat transfer and lowering the efficiency of your heater. Manufacturer's instructions will vary depending on the type of heater you have, so follow them carefully.
- Energy audit...have an energy audit completed to determine the most cost effective ways to reduce your energy bills. Energy audits attempt to locate where energy is being wasted and determine if the heating and cooling system is operating efficiently. For more information and tips contact your local utility company.