



Keep Warm This Winter

Without Heating Up Your Electric Bill

NC Public Power wants to help you conserve energy and save money on your monthly electric bill. Consider the following tips to make your home more energy efficient this winter.

- More than 50 percent of energy costs come from your home's heating and cooling systems. Check the filters in your air conditioning and heating systems monthly and change as needed. Vacuum dust and lint from all air intakes and outlets.
- Set your thermostat at 68°. Every degree above 68° can add two percent to your heating costs. Gas/oil furnaces can be turned down at night to save two percent per degree.
- Limit use of portable space heaters.
- For heat pumps, set the thermostat at 68° and leave it.
- Check for air leaks in duct systems, fireplace dampers, attic hatches, baseboards and around windows and doors. A third of a home's total heat loss is through unsealed windows and doors.
- Insulate your home. If your home has little or no insulation, look into adding some.
- Replace conventional light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs).
- Visit Energy Depot to conduct an online energy audit and receive recommendations for lowering energy use in your home. Energy Depot is available at www.ncpublicpower.com and may be available through your local public power utility's website.

For more information about saving electricity and saving money on your electric bill, visit www.ncpublicpower.com.