



25 Steps for Under \$25

LIGHTING

- Turn off the lights in unused rooms.
- Use compact fluorescent bulbs for the lights you use most.
- Replace your halogen lamp with a compact fluorescent one
- Light your holiday tree with LED lights and not incandescent

HOME ALLIANCES & GADGETS

- Unplug and recycle your old downstairs refrigerator.
- Hang your clothes to dry, rather than using the dryer.
- Cut your phantom electric loads by installing surge protectors for your TV/stereo and turning off your home office equipment
- Run your dishwasher only with a full load, with “energy-saving” setting to dry your dishes. Or don't use heat for drying cycle
- Use a manual push mower with sharp blades.
- Use your microwave, for 2/3 less energy than your stove

HOME HEATING AND COOLING

- Set your winter thermostat for 68° and summer for 78°
- Don't overheat or overcool rooms. Adjust your thermostat lower in winter and higher in summer.
- Clean or replace your air filters as recommended.
- Caulk or weather-strip around doors & windows to plug air leaks.

WATER

- Reduce your shower time by 5 minutes.
- Wash clothes in warm or cold water.
- Fix defective plumbing or dripping faucets.
- Turn down your water heater's thermostat to 120°.
- Install low-flow showerheads to use less hot water.
- Install faucet aerators.
- If your water heater is 5 years old, wrap it in an insulating jacket.

GETTING AROUND

- Whenever possible, walk, bike, carpool, or use mass transit.
- Check the inflation in your tires to increase fuel efficiency.
- Change your vehicle's air filter according to owner's manual

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

- Reduce waste by recycling and composting
- Reduce waste by buying minimally packaged goods, reusable products, using cloth grocery bags, and buying food in bulk.



25 Steps for Over \$25

LIGHTING

- Buy energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs for less frequently used lights
- Install motion sensors for outdoor lights
- Replace your outdoor incandescent holiday lights with LED lights.

HOME ALLIANCES & GADGETS

- Replace your old refrigerator with a new ENERGY STAR model.
- Replace your old clothes washer with new ENERGY STAR model.
- Replace your clothes dryer with a new ENERGY STAR model.
- Replace your less than old dishwasher with a new model.
- Replace your old TV or VCR with a new ENERGY STAR model

HOME HEATING AND COOLING

- Have a home energy audit conducted
- Install programmable thermostats to automatically adjust temperatures.
- Upgrade air conditioning from a 9.0 to a 12.0 SEER model
- Add or improve the Insulation of your walls and ceilings.
- Have your furnace tuned-up every year
- If you need a new furnace, install a new ENERGY STAR.
- Plant trees next to your home. Evergreens to the north and west, deciduous trees to the south and east
- Add air-gap window films to seal leaky windows OR add low-e films
- Upgrade insulation in your basement, walls and roof
- Seal and insulate warm air heating ducts.

WATER

- Replace your standard electric hot water heater with an “on demand” hot water system
- Switch from electric/oil hot water heater to a new ENERGY STAR gas hot water heater
- Insulate hot water pipes at a minimum of 3 ft, or more from water heater

GETTING AROUND

- When you buy a car, choose one that gets good gas mileage.
- Get an engine tune-up every year and regularly check your tire pressure.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Add solar hot water heating system
- Install a solar electric system