

# Having trouble making ends meet?

*You're not alone. Current economic conditions have us all trying to spend less and save more.*

*Making energy efficient changes at home is one way to save and help lower your electric bill. When you add your efforts with those of your neighbors it also decreases the overall need for energy across the country.*

*Remember, energy conservation doesn't have to mean installing expensive equipment or undergoing major renovations. Small and simple changes in your home can start adding up now.*



**Energy conservation matters. Start at home with these no cost, low cost tips to save energy and money:**

**Seal the Deal.** Air leaks around windows and doors create drafts. They are easy to find and correct with caulk or weather stripping. Combined with increased insulation levels, you may save as much as 20 percent on cooling bills.

**Program It.** Consider installing a programmable thermostat so cooling equipment runs only when you need it and not when you're away.

**Lighten Up.** Almost a quarter of the energy used in our homes is to keep the lights on. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) when possible. They use 50 to 80 percent less energy.

**Load It Up.** When operating the dishwasher or washing machine, make sure the load is full so you run fewer loads and less electricity is used.

For these and more energy conservation tips visit:  
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