

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR RENTERS

At MidAmerican Energy Company, we're committed to energy efficiency and to encouraging all of our customers to use energy sensibly.

As a renter, you may think your options are limited when it comes to making your home more energy efficient, but there are plenty of things you can do to save some green.

They can be as simple as making a few low-cost or no-cost home improvements, or paying a little extra attention to your energy usage. Every small action you take can have a noticeable impact.

MidAmerican Energy developed EnergyAdvantage® programs and the Save Some Green® campaign because promoting energy efficiency helps keep the green in both your wallet and in the environment.

BEFORE YOU RENT

Utility bills are an important consideration when deciding to rent an apartment or house. Before you sign a lease, call MidAmerican Energy at 888-427-5632 to learn the average energy cost per month for the last two years at your potential new home. Use this information to help you make an informed decision about which apartment or house to rent.

SEEK IT OUT

Look for programs, promotions and rebates from MidAmerican Energy that can assist with the purchase and installation of energy-efficient products. As a leading advocate for energy efficiency, MidAmerican Energy can help everyone make a difference through offerings such as our Residential Equipment program or our HomeCheck® Online energy assessment. Call us or visit our website today.

THINK ABOUT IT

If every home in America replaced just one incandescent light bulb with a fluorescent bulb that's earned the ENERGY STAR label, we would save enough energy to light 3 million homes for a year, save about \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to that produced by 800,000 cars.



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TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY AND ENERGY COSTS

Save some green with these easy to implement, low-cost and no-cost energy efficiency tips.

GET IT ONLINE

Visit MidAmerican Energy online at midamericanenergy.com/homeaudit and complete our home energy assessment. Compare your energy use to similar homes in your area and see where your home uses the most energy.



SEAL IT UP

Use weather stripping and caulk to seal air leaks and block drafts, even in the basement and attic, around doors, windows, chimneys, electrical outlets and other potential areas for air leakage.



SET IT SMART

Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower in the winter and 78 degrees or higher in the summer to save. You also can save with a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts the temperature when you're asleep or away.



BUY IT RIGHT

Install ENERGY STAR® compact fluorescent light bulbs and appliances in your home. ENERGY STAR light bulbs use 75 percent less energy and last up to 10 times longer than standard incandescent bulbs.



WRAP IT UP

Put clear plastic sheets over the inside or outside of your windows to reduce heat loss and increase comfort. Window wrap kits, available at your hardware or home store, are an ideal choice for the job.



KEEP IT CLEAR

Make sure your air registers and radiators aren't blocked by furniture, rugs, drapes or other objects in your home. In addition, be sure to dust or vacuum registers or radiators on a regular basis.



LET IT SHINE

Keep draperies, shades and blinds open on sunny winter days, especially with windows on the south side of your home, and closed on hot and sunny summer days. Closed drapes also double as insulators.



TURN IT OFF

Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans only when necessary. Remember, moisture from cooking and bathing helps humidify your home, making it more comfortable in the winter.



KEEP IT UP

Have your heating system serviced once a year so it runs properly and efficiently. Change your furnace filters regularly since dirty filters make your system work harder and use more energy than necessary.



POWER IT DOWN

ENERGY STAR electronics can save energy on appliances with clocks and timers that need to remain on, but unplug batteries, phone chargers and power adapters when not in use. A power strip helps to eliminate standby power loss.



LET IT FLOW

While a 10-minute shower uses less water than a full bath, an energy-efficient showerhead can save more water – up to five gallons less compared to a bath – cutting down on the energy it takes to heat the water.



SCRAPE IT OFF

Rinsing off dishes before putting them in the dishwasher wastes water; scraping the food off is usually adequate and saves energy. It also helps to run only full loads and use the air-dry option if available.



WASH IT COLD

Wash your laundry in cold water whenever possible. To save water, try to wash only full loads. Together, these measures can save more than 3,400 gallons of hot water each year.



DRY IT RIGHT

Don't overdry your clothes. If your dryer has a moisture sensor that turns the machine off when clothes are dry, use it. Remember to clean the lint trap before every load. Dry full loads, or reduce drying time for partial loads.



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