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SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY WITHOUT SHIVERING THIS WINTER

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Temperatures are going down, and if you take some small steps now to save energy, you can help your bill go down, too! Follow these tips to keep your home or business warm and your bill low this winter.

ASSESS YOUR FULL ENERGY USE

Complete a free HomeCheck® Online energy assessment at MidAmericanEnergy.com/homecheck to get a breakdown of your energy use and get personalized energy-saving tips. Managing a business? Business customers can call **800-432-8583** to discuss energy-saving opportunities and reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

USE A SMART THERMOSTAT TO MANAGE TEMPERATURE CHANGES

Program a schedule to automatically adjust to energy-saving temperatures while you're away or asleep!

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Wear warm clothes to heat up without touching the thermostat.

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SIMMER DOWN YOUR HOT WATER USAGE

If your water is heated by natural gas, shorten your shower time and the amount of water used in baths, or install low-flow faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads and pipe insulation.

SEAL UP DRAFTS

Check windows, doors, fireplaces and electrical outlets for air leaks. Weatherizing your home will help reduce your natural gas usage and can make your home more comfortable.

CHECK YOUR HEATING SYSTEM

Have your heating system serviced to keep it running properly and efficiently. Change your furnace filters regularly.

I CARE PROGRAM

MidAmerican Energy's I CARE program helps community action agencies provide assistance with heating bills and home weatherization to local customers in need. For every \$1 donated, we contribute an additional 25 cents. When you donate, your contribution is directed to a community action agency in your area.

Last year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022), customers contributed over \$166,000 to help people across our service area. You can make a tax-deductible contribution online or by marking your donation amount in the I CARE box on your bill stub and adding your donation to your bill payment. Find more information or donate online by visiting [MidAmericanEnergy.com/assistance](https://www.midamericaneenergy.com/assistance).



USE SPACE HEATERS **SAFELY**

Small space heaters can help you keep rooms warm without using energy to heat your entire home. But, there can be safety risks – space heaters are the cause of 25,000 residential fires each year. Follow these safety guidelines when using space heaters to help you stay safe – and warm – in your home.

- ▶ Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from flammable items, such as papers or curtains.
- ▶ Avoid leaving a space heater unattended for long periods of time, especially around children and pets.
- ▶ Place space heaters on low, flat surfaces – preferably on the floor.
- ▶ Always plug a space heater directly into the wall, not an extension cord or power strip. But, keep it away from the wall once plugged in to avoid overheating.
- ▶ Do not place space heaters in potentially wet areas, like bathrooms or kitchens.

Remember, space heaters **ONLY** cut down on energy bills if you turn down the thermostat for the whole house. They're best used when you're spending time in one room of your home for a short period of time.

GET A **PREDICTABLE BILL**

The fall weather flip-flopping back and forth from warm to cool can be a difficult time of year to budget for your energy bill. Enroll in Budget Billing to get a more predictable bill. We use your energy history to calculate your Budget Billing amount. Choose whether you'd like us to review your usage every three or six months. We will notify you if your actual usage will increase or decrease your monthly bill amount for the next period. Enroll in Budget Billing in your My Account or call **888-427-5632**.