

# 10 Easy Tips for Reducing Utility Costs

1. Use the stovetop or microwave to heat leftovers. Use the oven only for big items.



3. Turn on ceiling fans before turning up the AC. They use less energy and can bring the temperature down 10°, which may be just enough.



2. Fill your dishwasher and washing machines completely before turning them on.



5. Remove dryer lint before every load to improve efficiency and prevent fires.



6. Set your water heater to 120° or less.



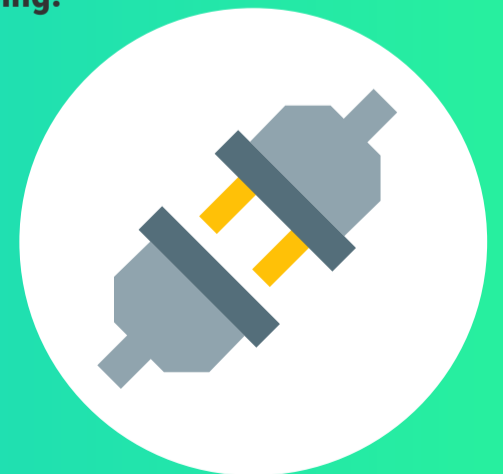
4. Clean the refrigerator coils to improve efficiency.



8. Make sure all lighting fixtures use LED bulbs, not incandescent.



9. All plugged-in devices consume energy, even when they are off. Reduce "phantom loads" by unplugging devices you aren't using.



7. Change the filter in your HVAC system every 3 months to improve efficiency.



10. Leaving the tap running while you brush your teeth can waste 4 gallons of water. Turn off the tap while you brush.

