

Making your home energy and water efficient – and **save money** too!

Bronze: Easy – No Cost

- Turn down the temperature on the thermostat and turn up the temperature on the AC
- Shut off computers when not in use
- Unplug chargers that aren't being used
- Wait until you have a full load of clothes before doing laundry
- Avoid using high temperature settings when doing laundry
- Clean the lint trap before drying clothes
- Turn off lights when they aren't in use
- Turn your fridge up to 37°F (2.7°C) and your freezer to 3°F (-16°C)



Silver: Change your habits

- Air/hang dry clothes
- Insulate hot water heater
- Recycle
- Switch light bulbs to LEDs
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Get an energy audit
- Use power strips
- Use organic/biodegradable household cleaners

Gold: Invest a little

- Switch to low-flow, vacuum assist, or dual-flush toilets
- Seal and insulate the house
- Use public transportation
- Install window shades
- Switch to a laptop instead of a desktop computer
- Install efficient showerheads
- Make landscaping consist of native plants



Platinum: invest more

- Purchase a hybrid, PHEV, or alternative fuel vehicle
- Switch to Energy Star-rated appliances and electronics
- Install skylights and more windows to add natural lighting
- Install a solar electric system

Do them all – and you get the Gold Star!



SAVE ENERGY AROUND THE HOME

One home upgrade per room to save energy throughout the house.
Simple changes will have a greater impact than you would think!
Remember, every bit of energy saved is good for the planet *and* your wallet.

Roof

Lighter Tile Color
energy saved, up to:



Attic

Proper Insulation
energy saved:



Bedroom

Automatic Light Dimmer
energy saved:



Bathroom

Hot Shower Instead
of Hot Bath
energy saved:



Home Office

Programmable Blinds
energy saved:



Family Room

LED Backlit LCD TV
energy saved:



Garage

New Ventilation Fans
energy saved:



Kitchen

Energy Star Fridge
energy saved:



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