

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Eliminate wasted energy by turning off lights in unoccupied rooms, turning off unneeded kitchen and bathroom ventilating fans, keeping your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning, and unplugging that spare refrigerator in the garage.

Use appliances efficiently by doing only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer, using the cold water setting on your clothes washer, air drying dishes instead of using the dishwasher drying cycle, using the moisture-sensing automatic drying setting on your dryer if you have one, cleaning your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use, and replacing or cleaning furnace filters once a month.

In the winter, wear warm clothing and adjust your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower during the day and evening, health permitting, and to 55 degrees or off at night or when leaving home for an extended period of time.

In the summer, wear cool clothing and adjust the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher when home and cool off with fans instead. Set the thermostat to 85 degrees or off when you're away from the house.

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Set your water heater to the "normal" setting or 120 degrees, unless the owner's manual for your dishwasher requires a higher setting, and wrap the hot water tank with jacket insulation. Be sure to leave the air intake vent uncovered when insulating a gas water heater.

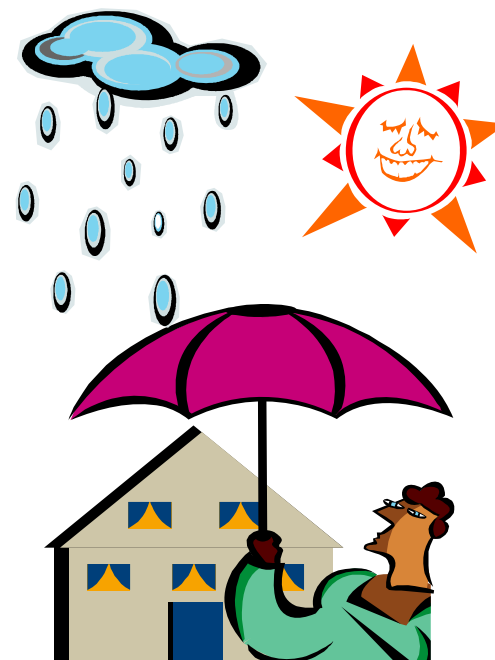
Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star® compact fluorescent light bulbs, especially in high use light fixtures, install low flow showerheads, and install a programmable thermostat.

Weatherize your home by installing weather-stripping or caulking leaky doors and windows, installing gaskets behind outlet covers, increasing ceiling insulation, sealing leaky air ducts, and installing high efficiency windows.

When purchasing new appliances and electronics, choose Energy Star®-certified models.

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Do you need help with your energy bill?



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WHAT IS LIHEAP?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program that assists low-income households with their heating and cooling needs, while helping protect the health and safety of the household.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE?

Bill Payment Assistance. LIHEAP may pay a portion of your energy bill in the form of a dual or single party warrant or a direct payment to a utility company. The amount of assistance is based on household income and size, energy cost, and funding availability.

Energy Crisis Assistance. LIHEAP funds are available to low-income households that are in a crisis situation; such as receiving a 24- or 48-hour disconnect notice, or service termination by a utility company, or an energy-related crisis or life-threatening emergency existing within the household.

Weatherization Assistance. The weatherization program provides services designed to reduce heating and cooling costs and improve the energy efficiency of a home, while safeguarding the health and safety of the household.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

2009 Program Year (valid through 12/31/09)		
Size of Household	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
1	\$2,431.04	\$29,172.52
2	\$3,179.06	\$38,148.68
3	\$3,927.07	\$47,124.84
4	\$4,675.08	\$56,101.00
5	\$5,423.10	\$65,077.16
6	\$6,171.11	\$74,053.32
7	\$6,311.36	\$75,736.35
8	\$6,451.62	\$77,419.38
9	\$6,591.87	\$79,102.41
10	\$6,732.12	\$80,785.44
11	\$6,872.37	\$82,468.47

Priority for services is given to those households with the highest energy burden, while taking into consideration vulnerable populations such as elderly, disabled, and families with young children.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) toll-free at 1-866-675-6623 or on-line at www.csd.ca.gov for the local service provider in your area.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Contact your local utility company to find out if they provide any of the following types of services:

- Reduced Rate Program, which provides monthly gas/electric bill discounts to low-income households.
- Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), which is a rate reduction program for large households of three or more people with low- to middle-income.
- Additional discounts if someone in your household has medical needs that make your utility bills high.
- Level payment plans that even out the highs and lows in your bill to help budget your monthly energy costs.
- Free installation of home energy efficiency measures, such as caulking, weather-stripping and insulation, that can help reduce your energy consumption and decrease your energy bills.