

Save Water. Save Energy. Save Money at Home.



- 1.** Fix leaky faucets. A faucet leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water a year. Fixing hot-water leaks can save up to \$35 a year.
- 2.** Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or higher in the summer and at 68 degrees or lower in the winter to reduce energy use. Using a programmable thermostat can lessen energy use by 10% and save up to \$150 a year.
- 3.** Install more efficient appliances and plumbing fixtures. A water-efficient showerhead can reduce water use by 25 to 60%, saving up to \$145 a year. An Energy Star refrigerator is about 20% more efficient and can save you \$165.

4. Use caulk and weather-stripping for seams, cracks, and openings on the outside of your home to save up to 10% on your energy bill.
5. Turn off the lights when not needed to reduce your energy use. Turning off just one 60-watt incandescent bulb that would otherwise burn eight hours a day can save about \$15 per year.
6. Water infrequently, yet thoroughly, to conserve water, and always comply with your water system's water-use restrictions. Watering your lawn in the morning will save water from being evaporated by the midday heat, and saves you money!
7. Collect rainwater for use on your lawn, plants, trees, and shrubs. By collecting rainwater from just 10% of the residential roof area in Texas, we could conserve up to 27 billion gallons of water annually.
8. Maintain your vehicle, check your tire pressure, and replace filters to reduce your car's emissions and improve gas mileage up to 5%, saving up to 24¢ a gallon of fuel used.
9. Drive less or share a ride. By ride-sharing every day, you can save up to \$3,400 a year on gas, insurance, parking, and wear and tear on your car.
10. Slow down and avoid aggressive driving and you can improve your fuel economy by 5% if driving in town, or by up to 33% on the highway. Typically, for every 5 mph you drive over 50, it's like paying an additional 25¢ a gallon for the gas you use.



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