

# 3 No Cost Ways to Save You Money

Saving money on your home energy bill does not always mean having to tackle a costly home improvement project. These three simple actions will not cost you a penny, but they will save you money year around.

## **No Cost Tip #1: Setting Your Thermostat to Recommended Winter and Summer settings**

Setting your thermostat to 68 degrees during the winter and 78 degrees during the summer will allow you to achieve the highest amount of savings by lowering energy use for heating and cooling. You can maximize this benefit by maintaining these settings for at least eight continuous hours at a time.

This simple no cost solution can save you up to 15 percent on your monthly energy bill.

Consult myHome to learn how programmable thermostats can help you save money as well.

## **No Cost Tip #2: Adjusting the Water Heater Thermostat**

A simple turn of the dial on your electric water heater can produce as much as a 6 to 10 percent savings each month on your energy bill. All you need is a screwdriver to adjust your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees.

The Do It Yourself video and Helpful Printout on myHome provides you with step by step instructions on how to adjust your water heater thermostat.

## **No Cost Tip #3: Managing Window Shades and Drapes**

Managing your window shades and drapes to optimize home heating and cooling can lead to savings all year long. Just the simple act of closing shades or drapes on a window in direct sunlight in the summer will reduce radiant heating of your home by as much as 45 percent.

By reversing this process in the winter and opening your shades or drapes to allow sunlight in for radiant heating of your home can produce similar savings -- however, be sure to close them at night to help block cold air penetration into your home.

Consult myHome for more savings tips on Window Shades and Drapes.

