

# Energy Saving Tips To Help Reduce Your Utility Bills

- Turn Off Lights not in use & use surge protectors to make it easy to quickly turn off “Phantom Loads” of electricity to devices.
- Unplug Appliances, Devices and Electronics not in use. Even when powered off, many devices continue to pull electricity.
- Use LED Light Bulbs which are more energy efficient and last much longer than traditional light bulbs.
- Keep Refrigerators & Freezers in good working order by regularly defrosting and making sure they are sealed tightly. If a dollar bill shut in the door is easy to pull out, then replace the gaskets.
- Replace or clean furnace and air conditioner filters regularly to keep system running at maximum efficiency.
- When cooking/baking, limit the use of the Oven and instead use more efficient appliances like Stovetop, Microwave, Crockpot/Slow cooker, Instant pot/Pressure cooker, Air fryer, Grill or Toaster oven.
- When using Clothes Washer or Dishwasher, run Full Loads of Laundry or Dishes. Consider using Cold Water for Laundry when possible and hand-washing small numbers of dishes more frequently.
- Air-dry clothing when possible, and when you have to use your Clothes Dryer, be sure to clean the Lint Filter after Each Use. Use the auto-dry or moisture-sensor settings and don't mix partially dry clothes with wet clothes. Dry towels and heavier cottons in a separate load from lighter-weight clothes.
- During the Colder months, adjust thermostat to 68 degrees or less, and utilize blankets or layer with clothes to add warmth & During the Warmer months, adjust thermostat to 74 degrees or more.
- Use a programmable or smart thermostat to provide the most efficient temperature regulation.
- Consider using Ceiling Fans to help circulate air and supplement Furnace & A/C workload.
- Use Blinds or Curtains at windows to block incoming sunlight in the summer and to retain heat in the winter and keep window coverings closed on Cloudy days and during nighttime hours.
- During colder months on Sunny days, use natural Sunlight to heat rooms during the day.
- Seal drafts around doors and windows using weatherstripping, caulking and door sweeps.
- Use outlet covers or plug protectors on all electrical sockets not in use to help decrease drafts.
- Insulate Your Home including windows, doorways, walls, ceilings and attics which helps improve efficiency of HVAC system.
- Consider using Rugs on bare floors and wear socks and shoes during the colder months to keep feet warm.
- If Water Heater is located in cold location of home (garage), consider insulating it with a water heater blanket that will improve efficiency of water heater.
- Check the temperature setting on your water heater and if set higher than you really need, adjust it down.
- Replace old shower heads with new low-flow designs to prevent excess hot water loss.
- Consider taking shorter showers to conserve water use & decrease amount of heated water needed.
- Apply for Energy Assistance through **TRI-CAP** office in the county you reside and ask for Emergency Assistance.  
Contact numbers: **Warrick County 812-897-0364; Pike County 812-354-8721; Dubois County 812-482-2233**
- For more information about the **TRI-CAP** Programs, visit website: <https://www.tri-cap.net/services/housing/energy-assistance/>  
The program opens 10/1/25 for previous year participants & 11/1/25 for new applicants.
- When filling out Tri-Cap Energy Assistance Forms, check YES under the Weatherization section of the forms to take advantage of energy conservation options that can improve the efficiency of your home.
- **CAPE** offers a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that is designed to assist low-income households with winter heating. Services under this program are provided in **Vanderburgh, Posey, and Gibson Counties**.
- For more information about the **CAPE** program, visit website: <https://www.capeevansville.org/eap/> or call **930-212-1991**
- Contact **Salvation Army at 812-422-4673** for Emergency Financial Energy Assistance. You can ONLY call on Monday morning from hours of 0830-0900 and leave a message to hold a place in line for any available appointments.
- Visit the Salvation Army website at <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/evansvilleIN/centerpoint-utility-assistance/> for more information and if they currently have funds to provide help to those in need.
- **Courtesy of SVdP St. Clement Parish, Boonville, Indiana. SVdP Helpline: 812-425-3485**

***“Many Small Changes Can Make a BIG Difference in Your Monthly Utility Bills”***