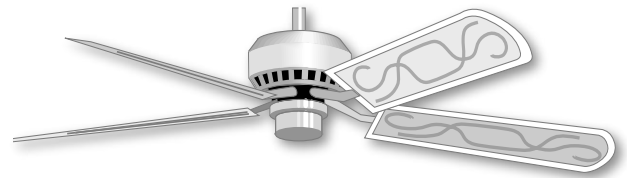


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Join the fan club

Installing a ceiling fan will not only help you feel cooler in the summer, it can save energy during chilly months, too. Just choose a fan with a motor that can run in reverse so it will push down warm air from the ceiling. ■

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Spring Greening

Changing a few habits can help you save more than a few dollars.

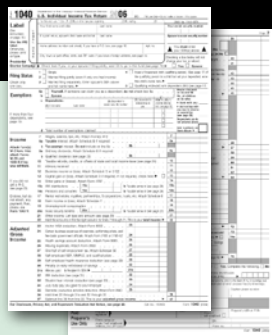
Spring's the perfect time to improve your home's efficiency. The following tips will make your home a cleaner, greener, more efficient place.

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of letting the cold faucet run. The latter wastes both water and energy.
- For the same reason, rinse fruits and vegetables in a bowl of cold water rather than under running water.
- Keep your refrigerator full but not overstuffed. Food maintains cold better than air, but there needs to be a little room for air to circulate. A mostly empty refrigerator has to work harder.
- Use your dishwasher's "no-heat" drying cycle to air-dry dishes. If it doesn't have one, turn the dishwasher off after the final rinse and open its door to let dishes dry naturally.
- Keep pots and pans covered during cooking to cook more quickly and avoid energy loss.
- Vacuum your refrigerator's condenser coils to help it run more efficiently.
- Fluorescent bulbs last longer and use a lot less energy. If you have areas that will stay lit for extended periods, switching to fluorescent bulbs will save money.
- If you have a heated outdoor pool, cover it at night to keep the heat from going up in steam.
- Keep curtains open on warm, sunny days to take advantage of the heat sunlight provides. Close them on hot days to avoid overheating.
- Replace your furnace/AC filter monthly to help keep your HVAC system running at peak efficiency. ■



5 minute task

Give your home a new look for spring and save energy at the same time. Rearrange your furniture so you can take advantage of natural light, with reading desks and chairs positioned next to windows. ■



Make life less taxing

Lower your taxes with home improvements that lower your energy bill, too. If you made home improvements last year that reduced your home's energy loads, you may be eligible to receive a federal tax credit of up to \$500.

Eligible expenses include high-efficiency central air conditioning, furnaces and water heaters.

Adding skylights, new storm doors and insulation can also help you reduce your tax bill. If you didn't make improvements last year, it's not too late to save for next year. For more information on which items and projects are eligible for tax credits under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, go to energystar.gov. ■

Get a check-up

Getting an annual HVAC check-up will help keep your heating and cooling systems running efficiently, not to mention help prevent your air conditioning from calling it quits on the hottest day of the summer.

Spring is an excellent time to get your cooling system checked out, before contractors get busy in the summer. A contractor will:

- Check your thermostat settings for comfort and energy savings
- Inspect the AC's condensate drain, where a plug can lead to water damage and increased home humidity

- Clean and adjust blower components to avoid airflow problems
- Clean evaporator and condenser air conditioning coils
- Lubricate moving parts to reduce friction
- Tighten electrical connections for your safety and to protect components

A contractor can also show you how to clean or change your system's air filter to keep your air conditioner more efficient and help it last longer. ■

Tips for hiring an HVAC contractor



If you don't already have a contractor you trust, here are a few tips from the ENERGY STAR website for hiring one.

- Check out licensing and insurance requirements in your area. Ask contractors you're considering if they meet these requirements.
- Ask friends and coworkers for referrals of people who have worked for them. Local trade organizations can also provide you with a list of contractors in your area.
- Request references from contractors' previous customers. Call and ask about their performance and whether the job was performed on time and within budget.
- Make notes about any uncomfortable areas in your home, or trouble spots such as condensation on windows. This will help the contractor better understand your needs.
- Expect the contractor to spend a significant amount of time inspecting your home and your current system to be sure of your needs.
- Get written, itemized estimates and compare them for energy-efficiency and warranties, as well as price. Sometimes the lowest price isn't the best deal: look for more efficient systems to help reduce your energy costs.
- Get a signed, written proposal before work is started. It should specify the project costs and time frame, model numbers and warranty information. ■



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