

# Save Natural Gas and Money this Winter

Reduce your natural gas usage and save money on your heating bills by following these tips:



**Seal it up.** Check for leaks around windows, doors, and other openings to the outside. Seal these leaks with caulk and keep the warmth in.

**Cover it up.** Cover bare floors with carpet.



**Furnace Checkup.** Have your furnace and heating system inspected annually to check for leaks or other problems.

**Insulate.** Wrap old water heaters with proper insulating jackets, and set the temperature to 120°F (or lower). Insulate your plumbing.



**Use mother nature.** When it's cold outside but also sunny, open the blinds during the day to let the sun help heat your home.

**Wash cold.** Whenever possible, use the cold water setting on your washing machine.



**Check and replace HVAC filters.** New filters usually only cost a few dollars. Dirty filters cost more to use, overwork the equipment, and result in lower indoor air quality. The filters should be replaced regularly.

**Reverse your ceiling fans.** The fan blades should be spinning in a clockwise direction on a low speed to force the warm air near the ceiling down into the living space.



**Control the temperature.** Set the temperature to 68°F or lower in the winter. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.