

# Stay Warm and Save Energy This Winter



Autumn is here and it will be time to turn on those furnaces before we know it. So, it's a perfect time to perform a few quick actions to help keep your home safe, warm and energy-efficient before the cold arrives. Check out these energy tips to prepare for winter:

#### **SAFETY FIRST**

- Have a qualified contractor inspect your heating system each year. A professional inspection can ensure that your furnace is operating at peak efficiency and fix any potential safety problems.
- Clean or replace your air filters regularly. A dirty furnace filter can cause the system to run less efficiently and can increase the risk of carbon monoxide.
- Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. As you "fall back," remember to check or replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

#### **STAY WARM**

- Weather-stripping and caulking windows and doors can prevent cold air from entering and warm air from escaping – your residence.
- Remember to always close your damper when the fireplace is not in use, and reduce the use of ventilation fans – such as in the kitchen or bath – to prevent warm air from escaping the home.
- Close curtains or shades at night, but leave them open during sunny days. The sun will help warm your home during the day, while the drapes will help keep the cold out during the night.

#### **SAVE ENERGY**

- Seal and insulate ductwork. Air can often escape through leaks in ductwork, making your system run less efficiently. Apply foil tape to seal leaks, and insulate exposed ductwork in unheated areas of the home.
- Consider adjusting the humidity setting, if applicable. At 68 degrees Fahrenheit, a humidified home can feel as comfortable as a dry home at 72 degrees, reducing energy costs without sacrificing comfort.
- Use a programmable thermostat or turn down the temperature when you are away from home to reduce energy consumption. Try our online Setback Heating Calculator at www.kansasgasservice.com to see how much you can save by using a programmable thermostat.

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