

5 EASY WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AND CONSERVE ENERGY



Winter is almost here, and that means we'll all be spending even more time indoors. To make sure you stay warm and cozy throughout those chilly days and nights, take some time to get your home ready for winter. There are a few simple steps you can take to help make your home warm and energy-efficient – keeping you comfortable while saving you money on your energy bills.



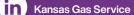
- 1. Apply weather-stripping and caulk to seal any gaps or cracks around windows and doors to stop air leaks and prevent energy loss.
- 2. Clean or replace the filters on your air conditioning and heating units, which will help your system run more efficiently and can lower your energy consumption by 5% to 15%.
- **3.** Install inexpensive foam gaskets to seal your electrical switches and outlets, which can account for up to 10% of your home's energy loss.
- 4. Set your ceiling fans to operate in reverse (clockwise) to push warm air down and save energy, keeping you comfortable while you're in the room. This simple step could help you save up to 10% on your heating bills.
- 5. Use a programmable thermostat or turn down the temperature when you are away from home to reduce energy consumption you can save as much as 10% a year on heating costs by simply turning your thermostat back 7°-10° for 8 hours a day.

Customers can also reduce the fluctuation of their monthly natural gas bill by enrolling in our Average Payment Plan. The program reduces the volatility of seasonal energy expenses by spreading out the cost throughout the year based on a 12-month rolling bill average, allowing your bills to be relatively stable from month to month.

For more energy saving tips, go to KansasGasService.com/savingtips.











Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that can make you sick and, under some circumstances, may be deadly. Carbon monoxide is created when fuel does not burn completely, and sources may include improperly vented or malfunctioning appliances, auto exhaust and blocked chimney flues. You can prevent carbon monoxide exposure by following these tips:

- Install a carbon monoxide detector in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Check and maintain proper ventilation of your appliances and chimney flue.
- Clean or replace your heating system's filters regularly.
- Make sure the air intake areas near appliances are clear of obstructions.
- Never start your car, lawn mower, generator or any combustion engine in a closed garage.
- Avoid operating a natural gas or propane grill in an enclosed area.
- Pay attention to the color of the flame on your natural gas appliances. A yellow flame instead of a blue one is a warning sign that the appliance is not operating or vented properly.

For more information and safety tips, visit KansasGasService.com/carbonmonoxide.

Natural Gas Creates Comfort in the Winter

When the temperature drops outside, you can rely on natural gas to keep your home warm inside. With a natural gas furnace, your home feels warmer and more comfortable. Natural gas heating systems heat up faster and more efficiently than their electric counterparts and they also use less energy – giving you peace of mind and a little extra money in your pocket.

But that's not the only way natural gas can fill your home with comfort. Natural gas fireplaces are another great option for home heating. They are efficient, easy to use and provide all the warmth, comfort and ambiance of a wood-burning fireplace. Plus, natural gas fireplaces light with the flip of a switch or the turn of a key, which means you can enjoy your fire sooner and without all the mess of a woodburning fireplace.



During the next cold snap, you can rest assured that natural gas will be there to keep you warm, comfortable and cozy all winter long.

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