

# Energy Conservation Tips

## During Severe Winter Weather

- **Keep warm, not hot:** When possible wear additional layers of clothing, consider turning down your thermostat and check your programmable settings.
- **Seal leaks around doors and windows:** Cover windows and doors with towels, sheets or plastic to help keep the warm air in your house.
- **Reduce the temp on your water heater:** Set the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or put it on the “warm” setting.
- **Close blinds and curtains:** This helps keep warm air inside, especially if the sun is not shining.
- **Change or clean filters:** A clean filter on your furnace can lower your energy consumption by 5% to 15%.
- **Hold off on doing chores:** Doing laundry and washing dishes can both use natural gas to heat the water and your dryer.
- **Install foam gaskets on electrical switches and outlets:** Electrical switches and outlets can account for up to 10% of your home’s energy loss.

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