

Winter Energy Saving Strategies

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PG&E is helping customers prepare for the chilly months ahead with the top five energy saving actions you can take right now to make sure winter is a win for your home and your wallet too. First, turn down your thermostat. When you're home and awake, set it to 68 degrees, health permitting. This simple move can save you an average of \$35 a year.

Second, winterize your windows and seal ducts and leaks. Up to about 30% of a home's heating is lost through windows. By sealing those drafts with weather stripping, caulk, and window coverings, you can help keep the cold out, the warmth in, and save an average of \$265 a year.

Next, replace your furnace filters. Older, dirtier ones can restrict air flow and be a health hazard. By swapping them out regularly, you can save about \$135 a year.

Set your water heater thermostat at 120 degrees or lower. It not only saves energy, but can also prevent scalding. The change can save you more than \$400 a year when you factor in the water demand for showers, laundry, and dishwashing.

And prepare your gas appliances to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. PG&E offers free in-home safety checks and will relight pilot lights for customers who need it. PG&E, helping you and your family stay cozy with a few small adjustments that can add up to more than \$800 a year in savings. For more winter energy saving tips, including how to build PG&E DIY Energy Efficiency Toolkit, just visit pge.com/winter.

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