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# Conduct an Energy Audit! Schedule a free Home Energy Savings Assessment.

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**10 WAYS**  
TO MAKE YOUR  
**HOME MORE**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENT**



**Make a Difference**  
*Be Energy Smart!*





- 1 Tend to your furnace!**  
Change air filters every 1-3 months. A dirty filter will slow airflow and make the system work harder to keep your home warm, wasting energy.
- ComEd customers can purchase a smart thermostat and get a **\$75 instant rebate.**

- 2 Set your thermostat to 78 Degree Farenheit in the summer.**  
Every degree to extra cooling can increase energy usage 6-8%.

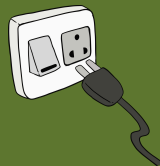


- 3 Use Ceiling Fans**  
Remember to select the “reverse” option to push the hot air down into the room. Don’t leave the bathroom or kitchen ventilation fans running. They replace inside air with outside air.



- 4 Run large appliances during off-peak energy times.**  
Use dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers at night and with cold water. Having them run at night can help keep the house cooler and spread out energy use. Try hanging your clothes to dry on a clothesline or drying rack (it’s better for your clothes!)

- 5 Keep your refrigerator and freezer as full as possible.**  
They actually operate most efficiently when full, so keep them as full as possible (use water bottles if nothing else). But be careful about overfilling them, as this can reduce airflow and cause the appliance to work harder.



- 6 Be sure to unplug!**  
Don’t leave your mobile phone plugged in overnight. Avoid using unnecessary energy.
- 7 Don’t peek in the oven while baking, the temperature can drop 25 degrees farenheit.**  
Turn off the oven a few minutes before cooking time runs out, residual heat can help you finish cooking without using extra electricity.



- 8 Plant shade trees on the south & west sides of your home.**  
Trees provide natural cooling for your home by blocking sunlight that would otherwise radiate right through your windows and into your house.

- 9 Use solar-powered path or landscaping lighting.**  
Most of your outdoor lighting can be powered with renewable solar energy.

