



Saving throughout the Seasons

10 easy ways to save energy

Each season presents a new set of challenges in balancing energy savings and home comfort. The following is a list of low or no-cost ways you can improve your home environment and put money back in your pocket!

- 1 Clean or change your furnace filter.
- 2 Make sure vents and cold air returns are not obstructed by rugs, furniture or any other objects to allow for proper air flow.
- 3 Set your programmable thermostat to 20°C in the winter, or 26°C in the summer for best efficiency.
- 4 Close vents and doors (including closet doors) to rooms not in use.
- 5 Check the caulking and weatherstripping around your doors and windows for cracks, holes or any other signs of wear.
- 6 Look for and repair any cracks, holes or any other signs of wear in the insulation, caulking and weatherstripping around your windows, doors, attic hatches and all exterior outlets.
- 7 Make sure your fireplace damper or glass doors are closed when not in use.
- 8 Open your curtains or blinds in the winter so the sun can help warm your home, and close them in the summer to help keep the heat out.
- 9 Use ceiling fans, if you have them, to help air circulate all year around.
- 10 Call your heating, ventilating and air-conditioning professional to inspect and maintain your furnace.