

## Green Tip: Energy Savings

- Concerned about your energy usage?
- Spending too much on your energy bill?
- Did you know indoor air quality can affect your health?
- Want to be more comfortable in your home?
- Want to reduce your carbon footprint?

Here are some tips to help you!



- 1. Vacuum, wash or replace your air filters every three months**  
Extra dirt on a filter makes the heating and cooling system work harder to release air which uses more energy, not to mention reduces amount of clean air in your home.
- 2. Reduce standby power**  
Even when an electronic device is turned off, it is still using power. Use a power strip to truly turn off electronics like computers, DVD players, cell phone or MP3 player chargers.
- 3. Consider the age of your home**  
Not all energy efficiency measures are appropriate for historic or older homes. Adding wall insulation to historic homes is not recommended for example, because punching holes in walls of older homes will break the felt moisture barrier, causing mold growth on the inside of the walls.
- 4. Line dry clothes**  
Hang a clothes line up to dry and sanitize clothes with the sun.
- 5. Replace high flow showerheads**  
Switch to a low-flow showerhead to save water and the energy to heat that water.
- 7. Vacuum your refrigerator coils**  
By cleaning dirt from the coils, the refrigerator will work more efficiently.
- 6. Use passive heating and cooling techniques**  
During the heat of the day close windows and blinds for shade. As the day cools off open the windows so the night air cools the room.
- 8. Attend FREE monthly energy workshops in Santa Rosa**  
Different energy and solar topics covered the 2nd Wed. of each month from 6p-7p. Info. at [www.srcity.org/CEA](http://www.srcity.org/CEA) or call 707-543-3886.

If you've completed the simple measures above and want to save even more, visit the Clean Energy Advocate website for more tips.



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