



# The Renter's Guide to Energy Savings

Save energy and feel more comfortable in your home all year long



## 1. Switch to LEDs

LED lightbulbs have come a long way. Available in many styles and colors, pop them into the lamps and fixtures you use most. Why? You'll save both energy and money – and you won't have to buy bulbs as often.



## 2. Use curtains & shades

Windows transfer heat – in both directions. In summer, close shades and curtains on windows that get a lot of sun during the day. In winter, do just the opposite. Why? You'll use less power to maintain comfortable temperatures.



## 3. Get the right size AC

Match AC size to your room size. For guidance on how, visit [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov). Why? An oversized air conditioner is actually less effective at cooling and dehumidifying— you'll be more comfortable and save money on an AC that fits.



## 4. Dust off coils, vents, and ducts

Vacuum behind and underneath your fridge at least once a year. If you have a forced-air system, clean the vents and ducts when you change your filter. Why? Improved system performance means reduced bills and better air quality.



## 5. Say NO to idle load

Many electronics draw energy even when "off." Unplug common culprits like printers and DVRs. Or consider an advanced power strip to turn them all the way off. Why? The average household wastes \$165 a year on phantom power.



## 6. Add weather-stripping to doors and windows

In colder months, be sure to put storm windows down and lock your windows. Simple weather-stripping goes a long way, too. Ask your property manager for help. Why? Blocking cold air increases comfort and saves energy.



## 7. Set back that thermostat

If you have your own thermostat, lower the temperature seven to ten degrees for eight hours each day (when sleeping or at work). Why? The National Sleep Foundation says cooler temps mean better sleep. Plus, you'll save money.



## 8. Talk to your building owner or manager

See if your property owner is willing to contact Efficiency Vermont. Their property may qualify for free or discounted products like appliances, lighting, or heat pump installation. Good news for renters and property owners alike!

# Save now with special offers just for renters.

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Let us help you take the next step to an efficient, comfortable home. For complete details on these offers and to discover additional ways to save, visit [efficiencyvermont.com/rebates](http://efficiencyvermont.com/rebates).

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Assistance replacing inefficient appliances is available to income-eligible Vermonters (with the property owners consent).

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## Rental property owners are eligible for savings, too.

Improving your property with efficiency updates provides a return to both your tenants and your property value. Look to Efficiency Vermont for special offers on refrigerators, dryers, heat pumps, and more. [efficiencyvermontlandlords.com/](http://efficiencyvermontlandlords.com/).

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