

## GREEN LIVING CUT HOME ENERGY COSTS CHECKLIST

- Set your thermostat up one degree in the summer and down one degree in the winter from your usual setting
- Clean or replace air filters timely (check your owner's manual) so your HVAC runs more efficiently
- Turn off ceiling fans when leaving the room
- Turn off lights that aren't needed for safety or a task
- Limit the time pumps run (pools, spas)
- Use economy settings on your dishwasher
- Turn off electronics when not being used (computers, monitors, DVD's)
- Lower the water heater thermostat (to 120 degrees)
- Replace lighting with energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs (including outdoor lighting)
- Wash clothes on warm and cold instead of hot
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer after each use so the dryer runs more efficiently
- Seal cracks and leaks in windows and doors
- Add insulation to your house (add weather stripping to windows and doors, use drapes or blinds on windows to block hot sun, reinsulated attic)
- Use landscaping to help your house maintain temperatures – plant deciduous trees that shade the house in the summer but allow sunlight in the winter
- Contact your local utility company and ask for a free energy audit of your house
- Ask gas or electric company if you qualify for hardship payment plans
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