

Tune up your home, save energy, save money, and help get America on a smart energy track. Use this handy checklist to save \$600 a year or more. Do your own home first, then visit www.ReChargeAmerica.org/checklist for more information and to “Spread the Savings.”

1. LIGHTING

With regular bulbs 95 percent of the energy used goes to heating the bulb. You can save \$60 plus each year in energy costs with compact florescent light (CFL). They use two-thirds less energy and last up to 10 times longer.

2. HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Most of home energy use is from your heating and cooling systems. Each degree can equal 3% of your heating bill. Setting your thermostat to 66 heating/76 cooling when you're home and 60/82 when away saves energy and money. Remember, dirty filters and clogs force your furnace and AC to work harder.

3. KITCHEN APPLIANCES

Replacing a medium-sized refrigerator built in 1990 with a new ENERGY STAR model will save you \$90 per year.

4. WASHER & DRYER

Avoid hot water washing and save up to 80%. And save 100% of your drying costs by using air drying rack or a clothes line.

5. WATER HEATER

For each 10°F reduction in water heater temperature, you save between 3%–5% on energy. Reducing the temperature by 20 degrees can save you nearly \$50 a year.

6. BATHROOMS & FAUCETS

Saving water also saves energy. It takes a lot of energy to pump around all the water we use. Just replacing faucets and showers with low-flow fixtures can save about 45 of gallons each day. Save water AND energy with wise use and low flow showerheads and faucets. They are inexpensive and easy to replace.

LIGHTING

- Replace your 5 most used light bulbs - or all of them with CFL's.
- Tape "Please Turn Me Off" stickers on switch-plates & lamps.

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

- Adjust your thermostat.
- Set a schedule to clean or replace furnace and air conditioning air filters.
- Seal accessible furnace and A/C ductwork leaks with a duct mastic, check seams.

KITCHEN APPLIANCES

- Set refrigerators and freezers to energy saving settings. (but don't melt the ice cream).

WATER HEATER

- Set your water heater to 120 degrees, no hotter.
- For older water heaters, install an insulating "blanket".

BATHROOMS & FAUCETS

- Get new water saving shower heads.

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7. HOME ENTERTAINMENT & COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Electronics like TVs, cable boxes and computer equipment continue to use electricity even when "off". You may be spending \$100 per year to power devices in this "standby" mode. Use power strips or turn them off.

8. AIR LEAKS & HEATING VENTS

Ask at your hardware store about weather-stripping and caulk for doors and windows and don't forget attic hatches and fireplace dampers! Also, consider transparent insulating film for single-pane windows.

9. IN THE GARAGE OR PARKING LOT....

Your car is a huge opportunity. Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune can improve its gas mileage by an average of 4%. Maintaining your tires at their proper pressure improves gas mileage by approximately 3%.

10. SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY

Check with your power company to see if you can buy renewable energy. Contact your elected representatives and tell them you want clean energy.

OK, I DID MY HOME, NOW WHAT?

- Go do a family member or friend's home.
- Hold a House Party to spread the savings with your friends and neighbors.
- Print extra copies of the ReCharge America brochure and of the Checklist and Guide. Visit your neighbors and help them ReCharge America in their homes.
- Visit www.ReChargeAmerica.org for even more easy ways to save energy.

HOME ENTERTAINMENT & COMPUTER SYSTEMS

- Turn idle electronics all the way off.
- Use 'auto-switching' power strips.

AIR LEAKS & HEATING VENTS

- Caulk, seal or add weather strips to leaky windows and doors.
- Install clear insulating film for single pane windows.
- Check that registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators are not blocked by curtains, furniture, or carpeting.
- Use shades and drapes as insulation.

IN THE GARAGE OR PARKING LOT

- Check tire pressure.
- Get a tune up if you need it.

AND....THE ONGOING THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Fill your dish and clothes washers.
- Dry your clothes on a line or rack.
- Wash with cold – it works.
- Always lock your windows if they have locks.
- Avoid quick braking and acceleration.

Save energy and serve your country by participating in Renew America Together.
www.usaservice.org and ReCharge America
www.ReChargeAmerica.org

ReCharge America is a joint project of:



ecoAmerica
www.ecoAmerica.org



Clean Tech &
Green Business for Obama
www.cleantechforobama.com

ReCharge America Reminder Stickers

Cut out and tape these labels around your home to remind yourself ways you can save money and energy

TURN ME OFF
PLEASE



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KEEP ME CLOSED
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WASH ON
WARM/COLD SETTINGS



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SET TO
76/SUMMER 66/WINTER



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List for Shopping

- Scotch tape to attach reminder on lights and thermostats
- Light bulbs (Wattage, Size/Type , Number)
- Air Filters for your heater
- Furnace & Air Conditioning duct sealer
- Laundry Drying Balls or clothesline or laundry folding rack
- Water heater insulating "blanket" (Height and Diameter of water heater)
- Caulk, seal or weather stripping for widows and doors (Window/door location, Size)
- Clear insulating film for single pane windows (Window, Size)
- Attic Insulation (Square feet of insulation needed)

LIGHT BULBS

LIGHT BULBS 1

wattage _____

size _____

quantity _____

LIGHT BULBS 2

wattage _____

size _____

quantity _____

AIR FILTERS FOR YOUR HEATER

heater brand _____

heater model _____

WATER HEATER INSULATING "BLANKET"

height (inches high) of water heater _____

diameter (inches around) of water heater _____

WEATHER STRIPPING (WINDOWS AND DOORS)

WINDOW/DOOR 1

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

WINDOW/DOOR 2

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

WINDOW/DOOR 3

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

WINDOW/DOOR 4

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

INSULATING FILM

WINDOW 1

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

WINDOW 2

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

WINDOW 3

location _____

height (inches high) _____

width (inches wide) _____

ATTIC INSULATION

Length of attic in feet _____

Width of attic in feet _____

Square footage (multiply length x width) _____