

Tips for Saving Energy and Staying Safe

Caulk and weather-strip leaky doors and windows

Turn down the heat to 68°F or as low as comfortable and safe, especially at times when no one is home. Consider an automatic setback thermostat to save additional money

Turn down the temperature of your hot water heater to the warm setting (120°F).

Have your oil-fired heating system serviced annually or your gas-fired system every three years.

Clean or replace furnace filters every other month.

Keep the fireplace flue damper closed unless a fire is burning.

Check that warm air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators are not blocked by furniture or drapes. Keep draperies away from radiators, vents and registers. Clean the lint trap on your dryer after each load.

Close your curtains and shades at night; open them during the day.

DO NOT USE A SPACE HEATER unless you can place it at a minimum of 3 feet of clear space in all directions and have it seated on the floor so it will not tip over. Be sure to follow all manufacturer operating instructions.

DO NOT USE a gas, or electric oven, or the surface of a stove for heating.

If you have no heat, DO keep faucets with a slight drip to avoid frozen pipes. Contact your local fuel assistance office immediately. Make arrangements with friends, or family in the event of a no heat situation.

Whenever possible, use your microwave or toaster oven in place of the oven in your stove.