



# Live Green, Save Green

*Implementing Ten Small Changes Could Save You Hundreds of Dollars a Year*

*Going green doesn't have to mean spending green. By making just a few simple changes around the house, you can not help save the environment and some cold, hard cash!*

Tip	\$ Factor
Turn your hot water heater down by just ten degrees.	This easy task can knock off three to five percent from your power bill.
Run full dishwasher loads.	You'll save up to 20 gallons of water per load – in a year, that's 7,300 gallons a year and an extra \$15 extra in your bank account.
Adjust your thermostat a few degrees up in the summer and down in the winter. If you're away from the house a good deal, consider a programmable thermostat.	Every degree you raise your thermostat in the summer will your power bill by about two percent; lowering it by one degree in winter will save three percent. A programmable thermostat starts about \$30, but can save \$100 per year.
Wash your clothes in warm or cold water, instead of hot, using a detergent formulated for cold-water use.	Turning the dial from hot to warm will cut your energy use by 50 percent per load, and save you up to \$63 a year.
Use the right-size pot on your burners.	You could save about \$36 annually for an electric range or \$18 for gas.
Switch to compact fluorescent lamps (CFL).	CFLs may cost a little more, but it only takes three months to make up the difference in energy savings. You'll save \$85 over the life of the bulb for each 60-watt light bulb you replace with a 15-watt CFL. <i>(Be sure to recycle spent CFLs through the City's e-waste program!)</i>
Unplug small appliances and electronics when you aren't using them or plug them into a power strip and turn the power strip off when you aren't using those items.	Simply unplugging one television, computer monitor and fax machine when not in use will save about \$6 a month. Power strips cost \$10 to \$20 each, and can save up to \$100 a year, depending on how many electronics you have.
Clean your dryer lint screen with every use and don't overload the dryer.	You'll save up to five percent on your electricity bill.
Cook and reheat in the microwave.	Cooking with microwaves can reduce up to 70 percent of energy use for cooking.
Turn off the water when you brush your teeth, shave and wash your face.	You'll save up to 500 gallons of water a month, and add an additional \$12 to your annual bottom line.