

## THINK GREEN AND SAVE GREEN!



With Gas Prices Still On The Rise,  
Winterize Your Home Now!

### Natural Gas Energy Savings Tips

Natural gas costs will boost energy bills for air conditioning this summer and heating bills this winter. An extremely hot summer will put a strain on natural gas supplies, as a growing number of power plants use natural gas to produce electricity. An active hurricane season will only add to the natural gas woes. Consumers can help with their energy cost by adopting energy-efficient measures - for summer and winter.

#### Reduce Summer Cooling Bills:

- ✓ Clean, or change filters often; install a programmable thermostat.
- ✓ Use ceiling and other fans for better air circulation.
- ✓ Choose Energy Star labeled appliances, lighting, windows, office equipment.
- ✓ Switch to cold water for laundry.
- ✓ Keep window treatment closed during the daytime to keep out sun rays.
- ✓ When not in use, turn off all equipment possible, including lights.
- ✓ Keep refrigerator coils clean.

#### Reduce Winter Heating Bill:

- ✓ Clean and tune up heating systems annually.
- ✓ Clean or change filters often; install a programmable thermostat.
- ✓ Plug energy leaks with weather stripping and, caulking.
- ✓ Proper insulation can prevent loss of 20-30 percent of your home's energy.
- ✓ Install energy efficient windows.
- ✓ Allow the sun rays to filter in during the daytime; close window treatment at night to hold heat in.
- ✓ Plant evergreens on north side to block winter winds.
- ✓ Choose Energy star labeled appliances; furnaces., water heating, etc.
- ✓ Install electronic ignitions for pilot lights.

Additional Resources: Free copy of *Guide to Energy-Efficient Cooling and Heating* available at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov); free booklet, *Energy Savers: Tips on Saving energy and Money at Home* available at [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov).



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