

Household Cleaning and Maintenance

Cleaning and fixing up the home is a great time to look for ways where you can conserve energy.

- Use the air-dry option or stop the dishwasher when the dry cycle begins and let the dishes air dry.
- Be sure to clean your dryer's lint filter after each use to make sure the dryer is running efficiently.
- Use energy and water efficient appliances and products, such as WaterSense and EnergyStar labeled products whenever you can.
- Save energy by turning off lights and appliances when you leave a room.
- Use compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs. CFLs use as little as 1/4 the energy, turn it off while not being used. Keep in mind that the computer monitor uses more energy than the CPU unit.
- Set the water heater thermostat to the warm setting, or 120 degrees. If you will be away from your home, turn the thermostat down even more. This will avoid using energy to reheat the same water while you are not there.