

Call, Act, Save: PSC Energy Conservation Awareness: *Suggested Home Energy Conservation Checklist*

To do this week

- ✓ Make sure your fireplace damper is closed.
- ✓ Inspect furnace filter and clean or change if dirty.
- ✓ Measure hot water temperature and adjust down to 120°F.
- ✓ Try setting your clothes washer at lower wash and rinse temperatures to see if clothes come clean enough to continue to use these lower settings.



To do this month



- ✓ Schedule a utility energy audit.
 - ✓ Repair all faucet leaks and install a low-flow shower head.
 - ✓ Insulate your water heater and water pipes near the water heater.
 - ✓ Measure freezer temperature and set to 0–5°F if you measure a colder temperature. Measure refrigerator temperature and set at 38–40°F if you measure a colder temperature.
 - ✓ Buy and install compact fluorescent bulbs in fixtures used at least 4 hours a day.
- ✓ Buy a timer for engine heaters to limit their on-time to one hour per night or two hours in very cold weather.

To do this year

- ✓ Install a programmable thermostat if family members have regular schedules of sleep and daytime activities..
- ✓ Find the major air leaks in your attic around chimneys, recessed light fixtures, pipes, and wires, and seal them.
- ✓ Determine the insulation levels of your home. Plan and carry out insulation improvements.
- ✓ Hire a contractor to seal and insulate ducts, located in a crawl space, unheated basement, or garage.
- ✓ Assess efficiency of furnace and water heater, and plan their future.



- ✓ Inspect your windows to ensure that each has at least two layers of glass. If you have any single-pane glass, have those windows fitted with storm windows or replace them.
- ✓ Assess the age and energy efficiency of your refrigerator, dishwasher, and clothes washer. Consider appliance replacements with Energy Star® labeled appliances when financially possible.

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