

13 Energy-Saving Tips to Reduce your Hydro Bill This Winter

Save over \$1,000 on your Hydro Bill this Year

Soaring energy prices have most home and condo owners looking for ways to save. With these helpful tips, you can save more than \$1,000 on your energy costs every year. Reducing your energy consumption not only saves you money, it eases your impact on the environment too.

- Switching the five lights you use most in your house from incandescent bulbs to LEDs will save you [\\$75 a year](#).
- Grab a sweater and turn your thermostat down just 2 degrees Celsius and save [\\$180 a year](#).
- Only use your dishwasher when it's full and run it at off-peak times. If you skip the dry-heat setting and let your dishes air dry, you can save up to [\\$37 a year](#).
- Close the doors and window to your home and use a lit incense stick to find leaks in your building envelope. Caulking the gaps in your home can help you save 20% on heating costs or [\\$489.26 a year](#).
- Weather stripping doors and windows can help save you money. Get a comprehensive guide on choosing the right weather stripping and how to install it [here](#).
- Energy Star appliances are far more efficient. Switching your major home appliances can help you save. An Energy Star dishwasher will save you [\\$30 a year](#), you'll save \$110 on a washing machine and \$80 a year on an energy-efficient fridge.
- Turning off appliances when they are not in use can save you up to [\\$75 a year](#). Appliances in standby mode account for 10-15% of your hydro bill, so turning them off or using a power bar with a timer, can really help you save.
- Adding a towel to your dryer helps you save money. If you do a load of laundry every day and add a towel to the drying cycle, you can save up to [\\$27 a year](#). Save even more by forgoing the dryer and using a clothing rack to dry your laundry. If you do use your dryer, clean the lint trap to improve efficiency.
- About 90% of the cost of each load of laundry goes to heating the water. Washing only on a cold wash cycle is better for your clothing and can save you around [\\$150 a year](#).
- Check with your local energy provider to see when off-peak hours are. Saving laundry and dishwashing for [off-peak hours](#) can make a huge difference to your hydro bill.
- Installing a programmable thermostat will lower your heating bill by about 20%. A smart thermostat will turn down the heat and AC when you are asleep or away during the day. Over the course of a year, you can save up to [\\$294.63](#) on heating and cooling costs.
- Do annual maintenance on your furnace to improve efficiency—get the full guide [here](#). Cleaning or replacing filters according to the manufacturer's recommendations can save you [5-15%](#) on your heating bill.
- Use our [home energy savings calculator](#) to see where your energy-efficient home improvements can save you the most.

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