

# Winter

## ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

Baby, it's cold outside. Try some of these winter energy tips to stay warm and toasty at home. And, take the free do-it-yourself audit online at [nespower.com](http://nespower.com).



### lower water heating costs

Water heating can account for

**14% to 25%**

of the energy used in your home. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the recommended setting of 120°F.

### bundle up your older hot water heater

If you have an older tank, especially if it's located in an unheated area, wrapping it with an insulation blanket is a cheap and easy way to reduce water heating costs.



### adjust your temp

A programmable thermostat can make it easy to keep your house at the recommended temp of

**68°**

Your heating costs account for about 50% of your total bill. Set the thermostat to turn down a few degrees when you leave home or go to sleep and save.



### caulk away the cold from your windows & doors



Stop throwing money out your doors and windows by sealing up any leaks and preventing drafts with caulk or weatherstripping.

### warm clothing saves



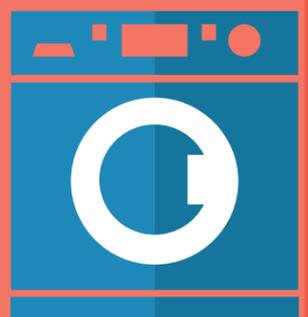
Instead of turning up your heat, how about bundling up with some warm accessories? A cozy sweater and warm comfy socks are easy ways to save on your heating.

### switch to cold

Heating water to do your laundry is one of the largest users of energy in a typical home.

So, go cold. You can save

**7-11%**  
of water heating costs.



### comfy warm fireplaces

There's nothing better than cozying up to a fire during the cold of winter. But make sure to keep an eye on your chimney—it can act like an open window when the fireplace is not in use. Be sure the damper is closed after the fire is out so you don't lose your heated air.



### clean-up

Changing or cleaning your filters regularly will help increase the efficiency and life of your furnace while helping to clean-up on your energy bills.

