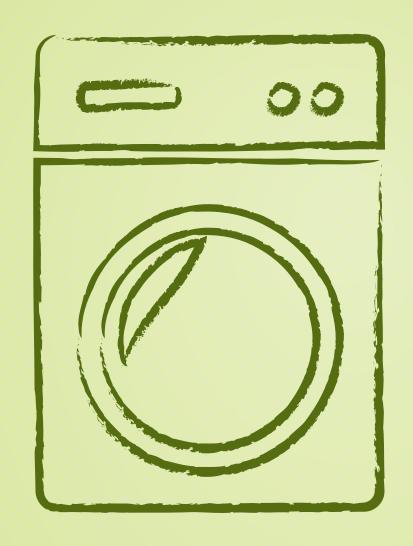
ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS



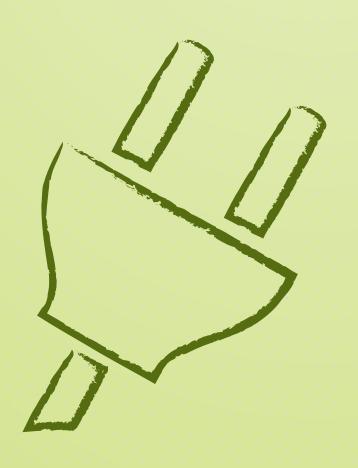
LIGHTING

- Take a good look at how you and your family are using lights and turn off any that are not being used.
- Take advantage of daylight and open blinds during the day.
- Whenever possible, replace incandescent bulbs with energy efficient bulbs.



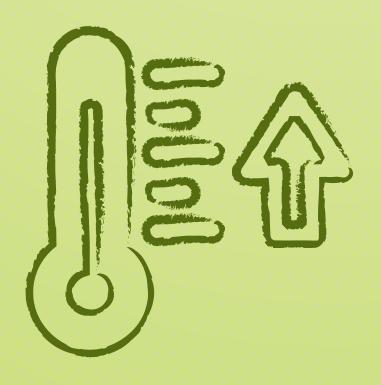
APPLIANCES

- Unplug smaller appliances when not being used: crock pot, rice cooker, toaster, blender, coffee maker, iron, blow dryer, shaver, etc.
- Refrigerators are one of the biggest energy drainers in the home, so make sure to limit the amount of time the door is open.
- If you have a dishwasher, wait until it is full to run it. Also, using the "air dry" setting uses less electricity than the "heated dry" setting.
- Wash and dry full loads of laundry to optimize usage. Using cold or cooler water also reduces the energy needed to heat water for washing.



ELECTRONICS

- Use power strips for devices like TVs, cable/satellite boxes, sound systems, stereos, gaming systems, and computers and turn them off at the power strip to help stop wasted electricity.
- Rechargeable devices are a huge energy waster if the transformers are left plugged in, so be sure to unplug them after your device or batteries are fully charged.



HEATING

- Check to make sure all of your windows and doors are closing properly to make sure your home is as weather-tight as possible.
- Keep your heater temperature at a reasonable/comfortable setting to maximize efficiency and reduce waste.
- If you have a furnace, make sure to regularly change the filter to keep it working efficiently.



