



FREE WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY & MONEY

There are dozens of innovative ways to save money and energy, but sometimes, the simplest ones are overlooked. Here are some no-cost ways to save—starting right now!

1. HARNESS THE POWER OF THE SUN

Savings: up to 22 percent on your monthly energy bill. Reduce your dependence on artificial light.

Try this:

- ✓ Open the curtains to allow as much natural light in as possible—depending on the weather and the time of year, this could provide you with enough light to brighten the entire house.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs around the perimeter of your home to increase the amount of light that streams through windows.
- ✓ Hang mirrors on interior walls facing the natural light source. It will amplify its effects—and make your room feel more spacious!

2. SIMMER DOWN

Savings: up to 10 percent on your monthly energy bill. Adjust your water temperature—here's why:

- ✓ Water over 120 degrees can increase the build-up of mineral sediment, which can cause the appliance to corrode prematurely and shorten its life span.
- ✓ When the water temperature is over 120 degrees, the risk of scalding is greater. This is particularly important to consider in households with small children or the elderly.
- ✓ Hot water is subject to "stand-by" heat loss. Because the hot water stored in the tank cools faster, the burner has to re-light repeatedly to keep the water at the programmed temperature—even when it's not being used. The higher the temperature, the more stand-by heat loss.

3. KEEP IT CLEAN

Savings: 5 to 15 percent on your monthly energy bill. Believe it or not, even basic housekeeping that you already do on a regular basis can also save you money.

- ✓ Trim vegetation and remove debris around outdoor air-conditioning units, leaving at least 12 inches of breathing room.
- ✓ Don't block central heating and air-conditioning vents behind upholstered furniture.
- ✓ Filters on furnaces and air-conditioning units need to be cleaned regularly.
- ✓ Dusty, grimy light bulbs can reduce their output by as much as 30 percent.





NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY MONTH

May is National Electrical Safety Month and we'd like to do our part to help reduce the number of electrical related accidents around the home.

Here are 5 quick reminders!

- ① Check electric cords for fraying or cracking, and replace them as needed.
- ② Remember extension cords are intended to be temporary; they are not intended as permanent household wiring.

- ③ Don't run cords under carpets or rugs and don't tack or nail cords to walls or floors.
- ④ Never push furniture up against a cord plugged into a wall, as you can bend and damage the cord.
- ⑤ Make sure your outlets are grounded.

For more electrical safety information visit: UNITIL.COM/ELECTRIC SAFETY



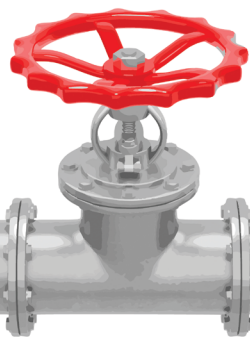
Safety First

CAN YOU RECOGNIZE A NATURAL GAS LEAK?

Gas leaks are rare, but when they do occur, it's important to know how to spot the signs and act in a safe manner:

- ✓ Watch for debris or fire blowing up from the ground or otherwise healthy vegetation dying in one spot.
- ✓ You may also hear a hissing sound, as the gas is pressurized and a break in the line causes it to move very swiftly.
- ✓ You may smell rotten eggs, caused by an odorant that is added to gas to make leaks more detectable.

If you suspect a gas leak, immediately leave the area or building. When at a safe distance, call 9-1-1. Emergency responders and the utility company will inspect and secure the area. Here's a link with more information on gas leaks: UNITIL.COM/GAS-LEAK



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR LIFE SUPPORT CUSTOMERS

If you or a family member uses electrically operated life support systems, we encourage you to notify Unitil by submitting a completed Physician's Certification Form, which you can find at UNITIL.COM/LIFE-SUPPORT.

As part of our storm or scheduled outage planning, Unitil makes special efforts to communicate with customers using life-support equipment. This will include a notification to you that we anticipate adverse weather or a scheduled outage which may result in a power outage.



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