



## AT-HOME CHECKLIST

With more time at home, you may be looking for ways to use energy more efficiently. Regardless of the type of energy service we provide to you, the following suggestions can help you manage your energy costs.

### Heating/air conditioning

- Replace furnace filters regularly to allow for more efficient air flow.
- Update temperature settings. Set to 68 degrees when the heat is on, 78 degrees when the air conditioner is on.

### Water heating

- Check all faucets and toilets. Even a small drip can add up over time.
- Set the water heater temperature no higher than 120 degrees.

### Air leakage

- Check that all windows are completely closed. Consider window insulation kits or use Bubble Wrap or plastic film.
- Insulate under/around drafty doors and windows.
- Close or open curtains and blinds to allow for natural sun heating, cooling and lighting.

### Lighting

- Check inside and outside lighting timers to account for shorter days and less sunlight.
- Make sure LEDs are in highest-use lamps and fixtures, both inside and outside. For every bulb on at least two hours per day, save \$5 or more per year by switching to an LED bulb.

### Kitchen/appliances

- Remove dust from in front of and behind the refrigerator, including condenser coils, fins and evaporator to reduce refrigerator electricity use by up to 30%.
- Unplug an extra refrigerator and consolidate food in a single unit to save up to \$150 year.
- Turn off dishwasher's "heat dry" setting and allow dishes to air dry. Depending on the model, this can save up to 50% of energy use per cycle.
- Reduce wasted heat by using the correct size burner for pots and pans, and using lids on pots.
- Run clothes dryer on a "less dry" setting, then hang on a rack or hangers to finish drying.

### Digital/phantom load

- Unplug or turn off power strips connected to computers, printers, smart devices, televisions, power adapters/chargers and other items not in use.