

TIPS FOR SPRING

Print out these Energy Saving Tips and use the checklist in your home to see Savings on your next bill!!!

KIDS ARE ENERGY SAVERS TOO!!

- Turn off the lights whenever you leave a room in your house.
- Turn off the radio, TV, computer and video games when you stop using them.
- Check for problems Mom and Dad haven't seen like dripping faucets. It takes energy to heat the water.
- Decide what you want from the refrigerator before opening the door then close the door quickly afterwards.
- Cold in the house? Try wearing a sweatshirt or sweater instead of turning up the thermostat.

GET WITH THE PROGRAM WITH ROOM TEMPERATURE TIPS:

- Install a programmable thermostat. Make sure it is programmed to automatically turn down the heating or cooling when you are not home and when you are sleeping.
- Keep cool without air conditioning by using fans. At night they help rid the house of heat from the daytime sun.
- Close shades and windows during the day. At night open windows opposite one another for cross ventilation.
- Use ceiling fans. They make you feel about four degrees cooler than the actual temperature.
- Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher if you use ceiling fans. You save 3%-5% on your air conditioning cost for each degree you raise the thermostat.
- Clean filters. Check furnace and air filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer. Clean or replace them as needed.
- Use the "auto fan" setting.
- Buy an ENERGY STAR air conditioner. It can save 10% over the one that doesn't have the label. However, have an air conditioning technician or energy auditor determine the right size unit for the space,