

Stay Warm; Save Money

With fall right around the corner, we will soon start shutting our windows and turning on the heat. Unfortunately, most homeowners will also start seeing higher heating bills, as a result of the natural gas and oil shortage similar to that of the 1970s. There are solutions for saving energy through your home. Consumers are being urged by the Department of Energy (DOE) to take a whole-house approach to saving energy and investing in energy-efficiency techniques. Making these simple energy-saving home improvements now can help trim American homeowners increased winter heating bills:

1. Add another layer of attic insulation
2. Turn on the humidifier
3. Warm yourself before heating the entire house
4. Install a programmable thermostat
5. Let the sun shine in
6. Cover the windows
7. Change furnace filters frequently
8. Seal the ducts
9. Plug the drafts
10. Close vents to guest rooms

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