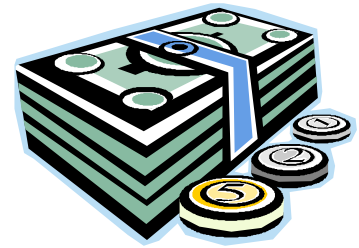


Looking For Ways to Save Money on Your Home's Energy Bills this Winter?



With the price of heating homes rumored to increase by 70% this year, here are a few helpful tips to ensure you're not throwing money out the window during Michigan's cold winter months.

1. **Keep your thermostat set to 68 degrees. For every degree below 68 degrees, you can save as much as 3-5% of your heating cost.**
2. **Consider installing a programmable thermostat to automatically lower temperatures during times no one is usually in your home.**
3. **Caulk all windows and doorways as needed to prevent any unnecessary cold air leaks.**
4. **Check weather stripping and for a quick fix, put up the plastic storm window kits on the inside of your windows.**
5. **Visit your local home improvement store for electrical outlet insulation inserts. They're relatively inexpensive and prevent cold air from entering your home in a place you'd least suspect it!**
6. **If it's time for new appliances or light bulbs, considering installing ones with the Energy Star® rating. The EPA & DOE consider these products some of the most energy efficient available on the market.**
7. **Have your furnace inspected annually and air filters replaced regularly.**
8. **Make sure air registers are not blocked by furniture, drapes, etc.**
9. **Inspect your dryer vent opening outside to make sure it's free from lint and closing properly.**
10. **When all else fails and the temperatures are unbearably cold, enjoy some hot cocoa & add 4 degrees of warmth with a heavy sweater!!**



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