



In addition to these recommendations, discuss energy savings with your Service Coordinator or Property Manager.

FREE & EASY

WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1. Thinking solar

During the winter, open south-facing curtains or blinds to allow the sun to warm your rooms during the winter days. Be sure to close curtains at night to prevent heat loss.

In the summer, close your curtains during the day to prevent the sun from overheating your apartment.

2. Kill 'vampire' appliances

Did you know that newer electric appliances and equipment can still draw electricity when turned off? Consider putting your television, VCR, DVD player, and radio on a power strip that can be turned off with a flick of the switch.

Computers, printers, and associated equipment should be on their own power strip that is switched off when this equipment is not in use.

3. Save water & energy

Only run the clothes washer & dishwasher with full loads. Wash laundry with cold water only and use the cycle on the dishwasher where the dishes air dry. Before loading the dishwasher, scrape dishes rather than rinse them. Rinsing uses a lot of water and energy.

4. Allow air to circulate

Arrange your furniture such that it is not blocking air registers, allowing for free circulation.

5. Dress to save

In winter wear sweaters & shoes or slippers around the house and turn the thermostat down to the lowest comfortable temperature. In the summer dress lightly and set the thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature. Run the air conditioner only on extremely hot days. The Federal Government recommends thermostats be set at a maximum of 68° in winter and minimum of 78° in summer.

6. Cooking the energy savings way

When possible use microwave ovens, they use around 50% less energy than conventional ovens. When using a range, match the size of your cooking pans to the size of the surface units on your range so you don't waste heat.

7. Lighting the easiest place to save

When you leave a room, turn the lights off. Turn off unnecessary lights in a room. Use no more than adequate lighting at the right spot.

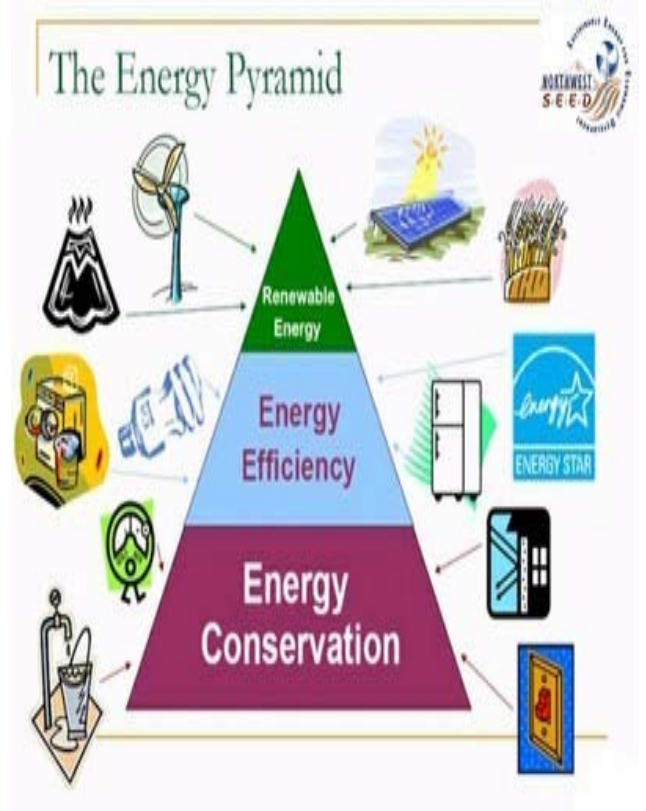
8. Shorten your showers

Take showers where you turn on the shower, wet down and then turn the shower off. Lather up and then turn the shower on again to rinse off.

9. Report leaky faucets

Have your property manager fix any leaky faucets. Leaky hot water faucets are especially wasteful and costly.

10. Clean appliances use less energy



Energy Saving Resources on the Web

Consumer Reports website,
<http://www.greenerchoices.org/links.cfm>

US Dept of Energy
<http://www.energysavers.gov/>

Energy Star
<http://www.energystar.gov/>

Energy Saving Tips for Renters
<http://energywisepa.org/resources/audience/s/renters>

US Dept of Energy Act Now to Save
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/yhttp/campaign_materials.html#eam

Consumer Guide: Energy Conservation for Apartment Dwellers
<http://www.dps.state.ny.us/aptdwell.html>

SAVE ENERGY
THIS MEANS YOU!

The graphic features the words 'SAVE ENERGY' in large, bold, yellow, block letters with a black outline. Below this, the phrase 'THIS MEANS YOU!' is written in a smaller, black, hand-drawn font. To the right of the text is a simple illustration of a hand with the index finger pointing to a light switch.