

Working with tenants to reduce energy consumption at home:

COOLING

Install an automatic setback thermostat that turns off your air conditioner at night.

During the day, set the thermostat in your house to 25.5 °C.

Keep blinds and/or curtains drawn when your home is unoccupied during the day.

Turn off your air conditioner when you will be away for extended periods.



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DRAFT PROOF YOUR HOME

Locate and seal any air leaks (walls, ceilings, around windows and doors, floors and basements).

Check the weather-stripping on all windows and doors. Replace if worn or damaged.

Perform a home energy /water audit as a family project.



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HEATING

Set your thermostat to 21°C when you are in the house during the day, 18°C when you are sleeping and 15°C when you are out.

Have your furnace serviced annually, and regularly clean or replace filters for optimum performance.

Use air deflectors to direct air into rooms.

Close your fireplace damper and cover the opening when not in use.



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LIGHTS

Use motion sensor lights for outdoors. (Adjust the sensitivity to suit the environment.)

Use energy-efficient, compact fluorescent light bulbs. They require less energy and last 10 times longer than regular bulbs.

Install a programmable light switch to turn off lights automatically.

Install dimmers in areas where full lighting is not always required, e.g., the dining room.

