

# Energy Savings for Your Home

## No Cost/Low Cost Tips

Winter is just around the corner. When you combine an energy-efficient furnace with equipment maintenance, appropriate insulation and thermostat settings, you can reduce your energy use and environmental emissions from 20% to 50%.

- Have a professional HVAC contractor inspect and tune-up your residential heating equipment. For a list of contractors in your area, call the Energy Specialists at **1-800-654-2765** or visit us at **[www.swgas.com](http://www.swgas.com)**.
- For optimal savings, adjust your thermostat manually or install a programmable thermostat and set it to follow your schedule. Set your thermostat to 65°F to 68°F in the winter, health permitting.
- Keep drapes or shades on your south-facing windows open during the day for solar heat gain and closed at night to reduce chill from cold windows.
- Inspect, clean or change the system's air filters once a month.



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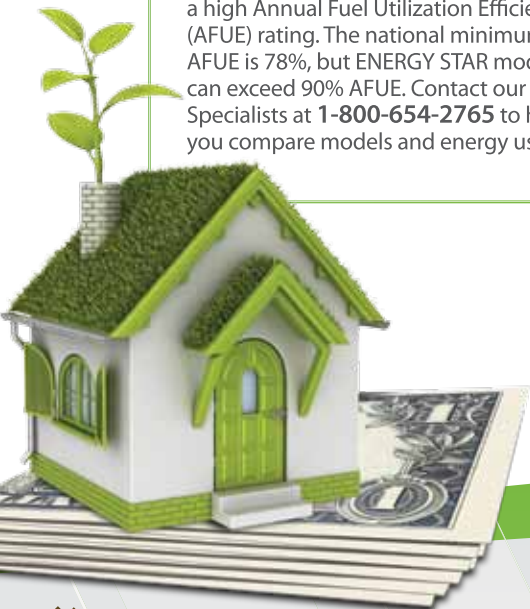
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Small energy-efficient changes made over time can add up to big savings on utility bills and, ultimately, help protect our planet. Look around your home and see what you can do to be **Smarter Greener Better**.

- Install outlet and switch plate foam insulating gaskets inside your home along the outer perimeter walls.
- Inspect your home for cool drafts, which may come from cracks or gaps in walls, ceilings, and around windows and doors. Weatherstrip, spray foam, or caulk as needed.

### Long-Term Saving Tip:

Select a high-efficiency furnace when replacing your heating system. Look for a high Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating. The national minimum AFUE is 78%, but ENERGY STAR models can exceed 90% AFUE. Contact our Energy Specialists at **1-800-654-2765** to help you compare models and energy usage.



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