

Energy Savings

TIPS

Good For Your Pocketbook

Save Money, Time, and Energy—

- During the heating season, you can save about 2% on your heating bill for each degree you lower the thermostat. Health permitting, keep your thermostat set between 65-68 degrees.
- Wash full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine.
- Set the water-heater dial to “low” (120°F).

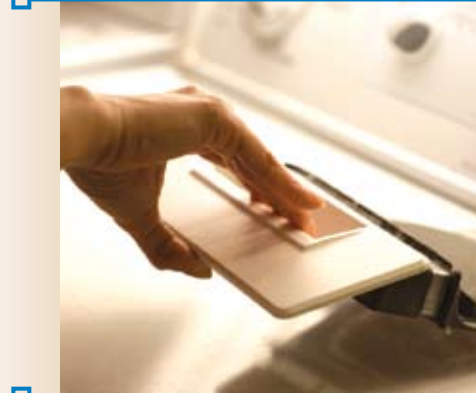
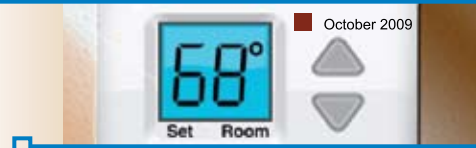
Don't Exhaust Your Resources—

- Turn off your home's exhaust fans as soon as possible to reduce the amount of heated or cooled air lost through the vents.
- Close your fireplace's damper (as code allows in your area) and glass doors when it's not in use to keep warm air in and the winter chill out.

Increase Energy Efficiency—

- To save between 4% and 9% in water-heating costs and reduce standby heat losses up to 45%, wrap an approved insulated blanket around your water heater (unless manufacturer indicates otherwise), and insulate the water pipes at the top of a water heater located outdoors.
- To improve the overall efficiency of your dryer, clean the lint filter after every load and make sure that the exhaust system is always vented to the outside.

For more information,
please call the
Energy Specialists at
1-800-654-2765.





Cooking with Natural Gas

You probably know the advantages of cooking with natural gas—even heat and precise temperature control. That's why serious chefs prefer natural gas. This holiday season, not only can you cook like a pro in your kitchen, you can also feel good about doing your part to reduce your carbon footprint on the environment by using natural gas cooking equipment.

A common misconception for most people is that they believe electricity is “greener” since there are no emissions from the electric appliances used in the home. However, when you consider how electricity is generated and distributed to your home, the process of making electricity actually uses more fuel, like coal, natural gas and oil, and releases more carbon into the environment. Natural gas, delivered directly to your home for cooking, is the most efficient and environmentally responsible use of this valuable resource.

If you are planning to replace your cooking equipment, or if you would like to find out how you can start cooking with a natural gas range, please call the Energy Specialists at **1-800-654-2765**.



Using a natural gas range is three times more efficient than producing electricity to power an electric range.



SOUTHWEST GAS

Calling Volume

Call volume is heaviest on Mondays at Southwest Gas. If possible, please call our offices Tuesday through Friday for quicker service.



2010 CENSUS:

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

The 2010 Census is on the horizon and the U.S. Census Bureau wants to ensure that everyone is counted by April 1, 2010. The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population total determines which states gain or lose representation in Congress, as well as the amount of state and federal funding our communities receive for education, neighborhood improvements, and public transportation systems.

With a mail date in March 2010, the 2010 Census will be one of the shortest questionnaires in history and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. All responses are for statistical purposes only, and are strictly confidential. Remember, the future of our states is in our hands. We can only move forward if we send our questionnaires back.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census web site at 2010.census.gov/2010census

