

TIPS FOR A GREENER LIFESTYLE!

How can we live sustainably?

IN THIS SERIES WE EXPLORE HOW WE CAN BE SUSTAINABLE TOGETHER,
RIGHT HERE IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY!



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

ENERGY SAVINGS AT HOME

WHAT IS ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

“Energy efficiency is the use of less energy to perform the same task or produce the same result” ([source](#)) whereas **energy conservation** is reducing energy use all together. Energy efficiency and energy conservation efforts often overlap or compliment each other; with thoughtful implementation, *energy efficiency and conservation efforts can reduce both costs and greenhouse gas emissions.*



ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS ONE OF THE EASIEST AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE
WAYS TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS AND COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

-US Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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BUT HOW CAN YOU SAVE ENERGY (AND MORE IMPORTANTLY MONEY) IN YOUR HOME?

WE PULLED TOGETHER A FEW TIPS FOR YOU!

***Don't worry: none of them require
you spend any extra money!***

**Note that these tips won't work for everyone,
so use those you can.**

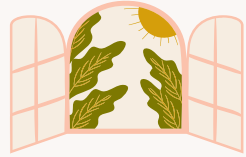
AT HOME ENERGY TIPS



USE THE WEATHER TO YOUR ADVANTAGE!

When the weather is nice, turn off the AC/heat and open your windows.

(SOURCE: [GA POWER](#))



TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS!

Turning off just one 60-watt incandescent bulb before you head to work can save you \$15 a year.

(SOURCE: [ENERGY STAR](#))

LEAVING FOR WORK?

Turn your AC up a couple degrees when you leave for work (but don't forget the comfort of your pets).

(SOURCE: [GA POWER](#))

CLOSE YOUR BLINDS IN THE SUMMER!

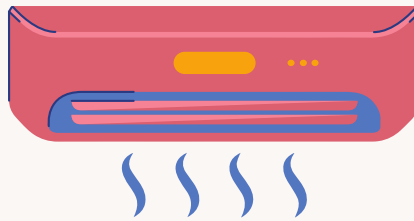
Sunlight heats up your home, so by closing your blinds or curtains you can significantly decrease your AC's load.

(SOURCE: [GA POWER](#))

TURN ON A FAN!

Experts recommend setting your thermostat to 68 in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer for optimized comfort and energy use. Fans can decrease how hot a room feels by 4 degrees Fahrenheit!

(SOURCE: [GA POWER](#))



CHANGE YOUR FILTER!

Clean or replace your air filter every 1-2 months during the summer.

(SOURCE: [US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY](#))

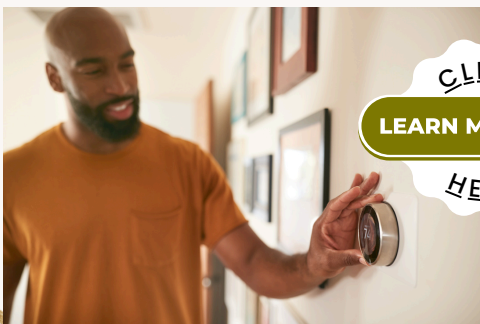
HELP YOUR VENTS HELP YOU!

Your vents circulate temperature and humidity controlled air throughout your home. Make sure they are not blocked by furniture.

(SOURCE: [GA POWER](#))



Many power companies offer various reduced payment programs, rebates and incentives to qualifying residential customers. We created a survey below to help you figure out which resources you may qualify for.



Want to learn if you qualify to reduce your power bill?