

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

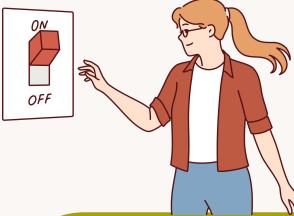
BUT HOW CAN YOU SAVE ENERGY (AND MORE IMPORTANTLY MONEY) IN YOUR HOME?

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!

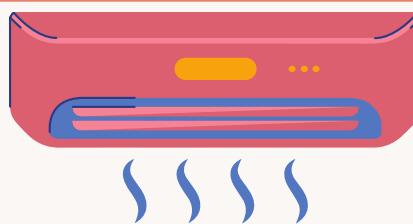
Sunlight heats up your home, so by closing your blinds or curtains you can significantly decrease your AC's load.

(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](#))



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](#))

CHANGE YOUR FILTER!

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

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



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.



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