

Heating Tips for saving money this winter

Are you looking for some easy, inexpensive ways to save energy and cut you're heating bill this winter?

The U.S. Department of Energy offers these tips:

- ❑ Set your thermostat to a lower comfortable level.
- ❑ Clean or replace filters on furnaces and heat pumps once a month or as needed.
- ❑ Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed. Make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.
- ❑ Bleed tapped air from hot water radiators once or twice a season; if in doubt about the procedure, call a professional.
- ❑ Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.
- ❑ Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely; in just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warmed or cooled air. Turn fans off as soon as you're done.
- ❑ Keep draperies and shades open on windows facing the south side of your home during the heating season to allow sunlight to enter your home. Close them at night.
- ❑ Close an unoccupied room that is isolated from the rest of the house and turn down the thermostat. If you heat your house with a heat pump, don't close the vents, this could harm the heat pump.

For additional information about saving energy and cutting your heating bills this winter contact Pee Dee Electric, your local electric cooperative for more information. As a consumer owned electric utility, your co-op is always glad to help you save energy and money. Saving energy helps keep our rates low.