

# Living Wise

Energy Saving Tips for Renters



## Energy Saving Tips to Reduce Costs During Colder Months

Taking steps towards the efficient use of energy brings benefits such as lower utility bills, improved comfort levels and reduced personal impact on the environment. We've listed a few ideas here to help you save a few bucks this winter. If you have more tips to share with your neighbors, be sure to post it to our Facebook page! Check it often for helpful hints, pictures of residents, events, notices and great news you can use! Don't forget to "like" us!



*Energy bills are based upon individual usage. However, there are things you can do to save money.*

1. Wear warm clothes to stay comfortable at lower thermostat settings. Set temp at 68 – 70 degrees.
2. Keep registers and cold-air returns clear of furniture and drapes.
3. Open blinds to allow sun light in.
4. Keep windows latched tightly.
5. Turn heat down at night. Lower temperature every time you leave your apartment.
6. Avoid the use of Space Heaters.
7. Replace light bulbs with Energy Star bulbs and use lower wattage bulbs.
8. Cook in microwave rather than oven. Use copper-bottom pots and pans. Turn off oven or burner when food is almost ready.
9. Keep refrigerator at 35-40 degrees and freezer between 0 and 5 degrees.
10. Wash a full load of dishes in the dishwasher and run it late at night. Let dishes air-dry rather than use the heat setting.
11. Turn off TV and computer when not in use. Reconfigure to sleep or hibernate settings. Turn off lights when not in use.
12. Unplug small appliances and battery chargers when not in use.
13. Don't let water run when washing hands or dishes.
14. Place decorative draft blocker at bottom of door to keep cool air out.

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

**November 6th**



**November 8th**

